

# PLYMOUTH *Writing* PROJECT

New Hampshire Chapter of the National Writing Project

## 2010 Invitational Summer Institute

The mission of the Plymouth Writing Project (PWP) is to improve the teaching of writing in New Hampshire schools. Through its professional development model, the Plymouth Writing Project recognizes the primary importance of developing and extending teacher knowledge, expertise, and leadership.

The Plymouth Writing Project believes that access to high quality educational experiences is a basic right of all learners and a cornerstone of equity. Through building an extensive network of teacher leaders, the Plymouth Writing Project seeks to promote exemplary instruction of writing in every classroom in the state.

Plymouth Writing Project Summer Institute  
June 28th - July 29<sup>th</sup> Monday—Thursday (except July 6-9)

### Description:

The Plymouth Writing Project accepts master teachers who use writing in grades K-16 in all subject areas. During five four-day weeks in the summer and one follow-up workshop in the fall, they will focus on both their own writing and writing instruction by:

- demonstrating and revising teaching practices they have developed
- critiquing and improving their own writing with the aim of making connections to their teaching
- reading current research and theory on writing instruction
- learning a new model of staff development through participation in teaching explorations.

Participants register for 6 Graduate Credits (available at the specially reduced rate of \$145/credit)

Participants will receive an \$800 stipend.

### To apply:

Our priority deadline for applications is February 15<sup>th</sup>, 2010

Invitations to the institute will be issued by April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2010

Complete the following form and mail to:

Meg Petersen English Dept. MSC#40, PSU, Plymouth, NH 03264

Questions? Call Meg Petersen (603) 535-2684, or e-mail: [megjoanna@gmail.com](mailto:megjoanna@gmail.com)



Application for the PWP Annual Invitational Writing Institute  
Please attach a resume with details of education and professional experience  
and your typed answers to the following questions.

1. Please include a current resume listing home and school addresses, fax numbers, and e-mail addresses.
2. Describe how you teach writing in your classroom.
3. Describe an aspect of your writing instruction you find particularly successful which you might like to explore further and demonstrate to other teachers.
4. Describe an aspect of writing instruction you find perplexing and challenging. How might the institute help you to address this concern?
5. Describe an instance in which you have assumed a leadership role.
6. We will conduct applicant interviews on two Saturdays in March. Please indicate which dates would be preferable for you, and note any days which would be difficult for you to attend. (For overseas applicants, interviews will take place by skype over the computer.)
7. Please attach a sample of your writing. This could include professional writing such as a narrative report, a letter to parents, poetry, essays, short fiction, reflections etc.

Certification: I have responded to all the questions on this form. If accepted in the PWP-NH Summer Institute, I will attend all sessions including the pre-institute meeting scheduled for Saturday, May 8<sup>th</sup>, 2010, and participate in follow-up activities, including a post-institute meeting during the school year. (For overseas applicants, the pre and post meetings will be accomplished electronically.)

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(Signature and date)

Please copy this form and share it with your colleagues!

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