

# Spring Meeting: Tell Your Story and Make a Difference on Capitol Hill

In this time of shifting priorities in Washington, D.C., Congress needs to hear how the writing project has made a difference to your teaching life and to the lives of your students. Come tell your story and experience the power your voice has in securing a future for the National Writing Project. Join your colleagues in Washington, D.C., on April 1–2, for the 2004 NWP Spring Meeting.

First, mingle with writing project friends from across the country at an optional Wednesday night welcome reception at the Washington Court Hotel. The official meeting kicks off on Thursday morning, April 1, in the Mansfield Room on the Senate side of the Capitol, where participants will hear from NWP's key supporters in Congress. Thursday afternoon is set aside for personal visits to representatives and senators—the chance for teachers to talk about the work they do and how their students benefit. Thursday ends with an evening reception at the Smithsonian National Postal Museum, where participants socialize with colleagues and share stories about their day. The meeting continues on Friday, April 2, at the

Washington Court Hotel, and will include a nationally recognized keynote speaker followed by roundtable discussions about issues writing project teachers grapple with every day.

To register for the meeting, follow the NWP Spring Meeting icon on the NWP website at [www.writingproject.org](http://www.writingproject.org). All meeting communications will be done by email; you must register online to participate.

Accommodations will be provided by the Washington Court Hotel, walking distance to Union Station, the U.S. Capitol, and the National Mall. Participants should make their own hotel reservations by calling 800/321-3010 or 202/628-2100. Mention the National Writing Project to receive the discount rate of \$185, single or double. Rooms must be reserved at least 30 days in advance.



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