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Why not, is right!

Join Write Around Portland for tacos and other fresh food from the heart of Mexico on at [¿Por Que No?](#) on Wednesday, March 23. You'll be helping support writing in community, while treating yourself to some delicious food.

¿Por Que No? is donating \$1,000 to help build community through writing. Come celebrate with us at either--or both! why not, right? --locations.

We'll provide writing prompts and host a free drawing or two. In the evening, we'll have staff and board members at both locations. Grab a taco or two and say hi!

Who: You, your family, your friends

What: [¿Por Que No?](#) is sponsoring a Write Around Portland Community Day at both of their locations

Where: 3524 N Mississippi Ave or 4635 SE Hawthorne Blvd

When: Wednesday, March 23, anytime from 11am-9:30pm

Why: Because it is support like PQN's and yours that makes our creative writing workshops possible

Why not: Exactly!



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Hi Friend,

For the last two days, I've been emailing everyone I know who speaks Spanish. I've been sending them links to our first ever bilingual featured writer interview. I'm eager to share it with you, too.

With each new writer we feature on our website, I am amazed by the life stories, and I get to hear how profoundly our writing workshops have impacted them.

Our new featured writer--¡escritora destacada!-- Iveth Montiel, is no exception. She learned to use writing to help with depression and to "move forward."

You can read Iveth's [interview in English](#) or [hace un clic aquí para el versión en Español.](#)

As you can imagine, we're always looking for dedicated volunteers, including those who are bilingual. You'll find information about our upcoming workshop facilitator training below.

Hope you are enjoying these longer spring days!

Robyn

Robyn Steely
Executive Director

P.S. I'll be at ¿Por Que No? on March 23--see details in the left sidebar. I'd love to see you there.



Our first ever bilingual featured writer/*escritora destacada* interview

[\[Hace un clic aquí para el versión en Español.\]](#)

"I free myself when I write. It makes me feel rested, it's a kind of relief," featured writer Iveth Montiel told us. *"I learned a lot from this workshop. It helped me a lot."*

Iveth, pictured with her son Esteban above, participated in our workshop at the [Sexual Assault Resource Center/El Centro de Recursos en Contra de la Violencia Sexual](#) in Beaverton. The workshop was held in Spanish, and we published the writing from the group in Spanish with English translations--thanks to our awesome bilingual volunteers!

"Before starting the workshop I had fallen into a deep depression..." Iveth said. *"Now when I feel frustrated or depression is trying to get a hold of me, I start to write what I feel."* [Click here to read the full interview in English.](#)

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Iveth's writing is featured in our anthology [Look Out On Your City/Mira tu ciudad.](#)

Object Stories Celebration March 12



Write Around Portland held two writing workshops in partnership with the Portland Art Museum (PAM) as part of their 'Object Stories' project and exhibit.

Join us on Saturday, March 12 to celebrate the public opening of Object Stories with screenings, storytelling, and readings by the initiative's initial community partners including the Northwest Film Center and Miracle Theatre Group. Write Around Portland writers will read their stories.

Free with admission; reservations required. More information and reservations online through [PAM](#).



Looking for a few GREAT volunteers

Write Around Portland's workshops are facilitated by trained, dedicated volunteers who are passionate about building community through writing.

The deadline for our April/May 27-hour facilitator training is this Friday, March 11 at 5pm. The next training after this one will be January 2012. [Click here for more information and to download a facilitator application form.](#)

PLEASE NOTE:

- Applicants are strongly encouraged to volunteer with us in another capacity prior to submitting an application. Call us for details- 503.796.9224.
- To meet the demand for our workshops in Spanish and other languages, we are especially interested in applicants who are bilingual.

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