

# Transcending Borders: Inspiring Adult Learning Stories Shared Across Oceans

## Writing Frame (for Teachers)

**This writing frame will help you tell your teaching and learning story. Stories help us to inspire and connect with others. You can be as creative as you like and tell your story in a traditional story or a creative form, such as poetry.**

*In this box, describe your journey to and through teaching.  
Consider what motivates you and how you support your learners  
on their journey.*

*Now, try to think about a person or people who have supported your journey into teaching, inspired, and given you hope.*

*Finally, what encouragement would you give to someone starting their teaching journey? Also use this space to add anything else you would like to say about your journey.*

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Write as much as possible about your thoughts, feelings and experiences regarding learning. What helped you to learn?  
What hindered your learning?

*In this box, describe your journey to and through education. Consider the barriers you have faced, and how you have / are overcoming them.*

*Now, try to think about a person or people who have supported your journey into teaching, inspired, and given you hope.*

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