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THE ART OF MODERATION WITH GILL WESTAWAY

Are you interested in becoming a moderator at the Ubud Writers & Readers Festival? Yayasan Mudra Swari Saraswati, the organisation behind the festival, is offering a highly selective training opportunity for Indonesian women who are interested in facilitating thoughtful, engaging conversations at literary events. Following a careful selection process, 15 participants will be chosen to take part in the programme.

Join Ubud Writer and Readers Festival's Moderator Workshop this February with one of the Festival's most accomplished moderators Gill Westaway. The training will cover core moderation skills, including guiding discussions, conducting effective research, engaging audiences and drawing clear, insightful conclusions over a course of three days. Participants will also gain behind-the-scenes insight into how festival conversations are developed and delivered. Those selected will be considered for future moderation roles at the 2026 Ubud Writers & Readers Festival.

- Dates: 3–6 February, 9.00–17.00
- Location: Honeymoon Garden, Jalan Bisma (see Google Maps)
- Refreshments: Morning and afternoon tea plus lunch provided
- Cost: FREE (subject to confirmation)

HOW TO APPLY

Please submit a short statement (300–400 words) explaining your interest in becoming a festival moderator, a brief CV or bio, links to relevant work (optional), and any other supporting materials through [this form](#) by **Tuesday, 20 January 2026**.

TERMS & CONDITIONS

- Participation is open exclusively to Balinese and Indonesian nationals.
- Confirmation of participation is at the sole discretion of UWRF's organising committee at Yayasan Saraswati once candidates have submitted their applications.
- Attendance will be confirmed by the Festival via email by 25 January 2026.
- Upon completion of this course, the Festival may offer participants the opportunity to moderate at a Ubud Writers & Readers Festival event later in the year, or at other year-round engagements; however, this is subject to the requirements and discretion of the programming team.
- The workshop does not include transportation to or from the venue, nor does it cover accommodation during the workshop.