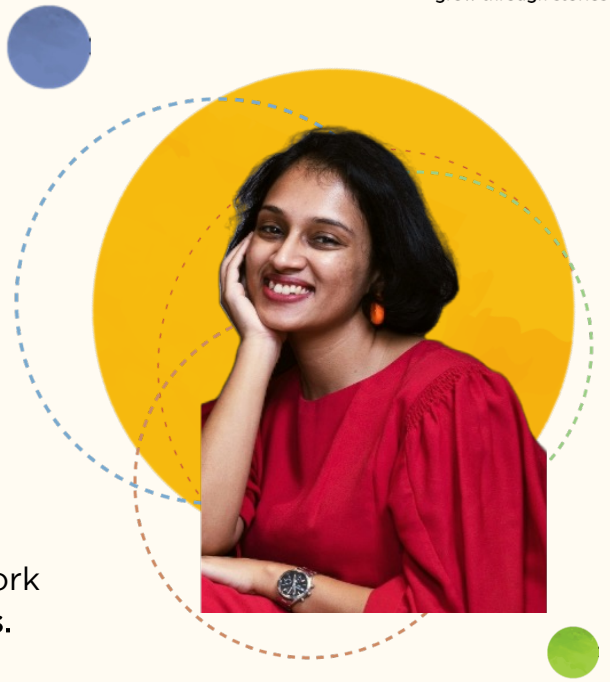


Michelle D'costa

Head of Learning & Community

Having conducted and organized classes for over **4000 writers** on topics varying from memoir, fiction, poetry, screen-writing to comics, Michelle drives the learning department at Bound.

As writer, editor, creative writing mentor, and podcaster with over 10 years of experience in the literary industry. Her work has been published in over **50 magazines**.



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Key Speaking Topics

- **How to interview writers** creatively and sensitively for audio, video, print, and digital media?
- **Can creative writing be taught?** Lessons from teaching: Tips & tricks to master the trade
- How to nurture the best **talent in storytelling** through literary magazines, podcasts, and writing contests

Speaking Qualities

- Appearing as guest panellist or solo speaker
- Delivering speeches or entire master classes
- Working as a collaborator/consultant for literary events

Work Experience

- Bound
- Seagull School of Publishing
- Gulf Daily News, Bahrain
- Kaani
- Jaggery Literary Magazine
- Decades Review
- Christ University
- Mount Carmel College

Previous Speaker Engagements



Bound

- Co-host of the podcast- Books and Beyond with Bound (since 2019)
- Creative writing instructor- Fiction writing, Fiction appreciation, Poetry, Blogging & Journaling, Ekphrastic Writing, & Publications to literary journals (since 2019)
- Creative writing mentor at retreats, and one-on-one mentoring sessions (since 2019)
- Creative writing instructor and curator - **Unherd, Unacademy, PepperContent, and Teach for India** (since 2020)
- Conducted webinar on '**Creative solutions to writerly issues**' (2022)
- Moderated a panel on '**How podcasts start important conversations**' (2021)
- Conducted webinar on '**How to review books**' (2021)
- Conducted webinar on '**The art of interviewing writers**' (2020)
- Curated an **Open Mic at PEN** at Prithvi, Mumbai (2020)

Others

- Podcast guest on '**Closet Writers' Chronicles**' and '**Learning Stories**' (2022)
 - Poetry reading at '**The Quarantine Train**' (2022)
 - Paper presentation, '**Creativity: A challenge for knowledge workers**', HR conference, Christ University, Bangalore, (2015)
 - Poetry reading at '**Tuesdays with the Bard**', Urban Solace Café, Bangalore (2014)
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