Yirara College, 2014
The Disappearing with poet Laurie May

As part of a special pilot program supported by the Tim Fairfax Family Foundation, celebrated Laurie May delivered three intensive poetry workshops at Yirara College in Alice Springs.

Working with The Disappearing learning resource, Laurie May guided students through a range of writing activities to spark imaginations and help students publish their own poems on The Disappearing app.

Red Room Poetry Education inspires students and teachers to create, perform and publish poetry.

We enliven experiences with poetry by bringing contemporary poets into classrooms across Australia to run intensive writing workshops that awaken imaginations, support creative opportunities and curriculum outcomes.

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Alice
Group Poem

Alice is hot
like the devil’s den
We love under fans
Cooling ourselves like kangaroos under trees

Untitled
by Crystella C.

The red rock shines
The blue sky brightens the rock
Nice lovely green trees

Untitled
by Kaitlyn A.

Friends vanish somewhere
The rain started pouring down
Never to be seen

Untitled
by Lofty A.

Family are gone
Wind takes them away sometime
The are gone too
long

Untitled
by Mark

Men mining her soul
Slowly destroying beauty
Headlice of the earth

Untitled
by Mark

Animals erased
Metal machines destroy land
Ripped open by men

Untitled
by Tyron S.

Blue sky changed colour
The man covers sky grey
Birds fall from the sky

Untitled
by Mark & Melton

The men on the hill
They are always watching you
Beware of the men

Untitled
by Lofty A.

Home under blue sky
Just like the trees on the ground
We walk along rocks

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**Untitled**  
by Kaitlyn A.

The smokes in between rocks  
Colour stands out bright orange  
Trees are very still

**Untitled**  
by Tyron S.

Old boots rusty dirt  
It smells bad like rotting mice  
I coughed loudly twice

**Untitled**  
by Lofty A.

It was just like a beat  
And it was so sweet  
The street so wet  
As the rain comes from the sky  
It splashed into our eyes  
Drips from rooftops of our homes  
Sometimes we play in the rain  
Like a fish swims through the drains  
On nights like these...
Poet Bio

From Alice Springs, Laurie May is a resistance poet challenging societal norms and perspectives on poverty. Known for her clever, often humorous wordplay and pointed politics of identity themes. Laurie May is a touring poet working in schools and performing at festivals around the country, encouraging people everywhere to write their story, say what they mean and say it with passion. Drawing on her life experiences and desolate surrounding Laurie’s work finds beauty in unexpected places.

About Us

The Red Room Company creates unusual and useful poetry projects that transform expectations of, and experiences with, poetry. We aspire to make poetry accessible to all, especially those who face the greatest barriers to creative opportunities.