



— National Centre *for* Writing —

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Writers' Centre Norwich receives funding boost from Arts Council England

Writers' Centre Norwich (WCN) is delighted to announce that it has received news of a funding award as part of Arts Council England's National Portfolio of Organisations, a move that fully supports the launch of the National Centre for Writing in England's first UNESCO City of Literature.

Due to open as the National Centre for Writing in Norwich's historic Dragon Hall next year, WCN will receive £498,405 per year from 2018-19 to 2021-22 to carry on its work with writers, translators, readers, children and young people and to develop its world class international programmes. It also received a funding uplift which it will use to develop its work in translation across the country.

WCN Chief Executive Chris Gribble said:

'This is a ringing endorsement of the work Writers' Centre Norwich is currently delivering, and allows us to grow and develop as we prepare to open as the National Centre in summer 2018. The funding uplift will specifically enable us to focus resources in translation work, an area for which we are gaining global recognition.

Our vision is to be a centre of national and international literary exchange in a world class UNESCO City of Literature and this funding will play no small part in helping us translate this vision into reality.'

David Gilbert, Chair of WCN's Board of Trustees, added:

'We are delighted that all of the expert and visionary work that the Writers' Centre has been doing in the literature sector will continue to be strongly supported by Arts Council England.'

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Notes to Editors

1. Press enquiries to: Andrew Burton, Director of Communications, Writers' Centre Norwich at andrew.burton@writerscentrenorwich.org.uk or 01603 877177
2. Writers' Centre Norwich's mission is to put literature at the heart of contemporary culture. Through pioneering and collaborative projects it explores the artistic and social power of creative writing and literary translation. www.writerscentrenorwich.org.uk

3. Writers' Centre Norwich's key stakeholder funders are Arts Council England, the University of East Anglia, Norwich City Council and Norfolk County Council.