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Young Norfolk Writing Competition 2017 launches in schools across the county

Writers' Centre Norwich (WCN), in collaboration with Young Norfolk Arts Trust (YNAT) and Norfolk County Council (NCC), has launched the 2017 Young Norfolk Writing Competition.

This is a region-wide competition celebrating poetry, song lyrics, short stories, scripts, and essays, written by 11-18 year olds.

It builds on the success of the 2016 Young Norfolk Poetry Competition, which received over 50 entries from 20 schools and colleges across the county. The competition culminated with a prize-giving event featuring Thetford rap-poet Franko Fraize. The shortlisted entries can be read [here](#).

This year's shortlisted authors will be invited to an exclusive workshop session with Matt Windle (aka. ['the poet with punch'](#)). Matt will also award prizes to the winners at a public celebration event on Saturday 8 July.

Lucy Farrant, Director of YNAT, said: 'We're delighted to be partnering with WCN and NCC, to offer this tremendous opportunity for Norfolk's young writers to be celebrated and their voices widely heard.'

The competition is free to enter. Entries will be accepted by email to volunteer@writerscentrenorwich.org.uk with a maximum 40 lines for poetry and lyrics, and two sides of A4 for short stories, scripts and essays. Multiple entries are allowed.

The closing date for entries is Monday 5 June at 5pm.

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3. 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
4. Young Norfolk Arts Trust celebrate and support the creativity of all young people in Norfolk, throughout the year, and during the Young Norfolk Arts Festival – which this year takes place 30 June to 9 July. www.ynaf.org.uk
5. This event is supported by Arts Council England and Norfolk County Council.