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PRESS RELEASE

'Words and Ways' project transforms Norwich students into travel writers

300 young people in Norwich are set to become fully fledged travel writers thanks to a funded programme of school trips and creative writing workshops developed by Writers' Centre Norwich (WCN) and Anguish's Educational Foundation (AEF).

'Words and Ways' will offer two free travel-themed creative writing workshops, designed and run by WCN, to ten schools across the city.

The programme marks the 400th anniversary of the AEF, which was set up by Thomas Anguish through a bequest left in his will following his death in 1617.

Anguish, a former alderman, sheriff and mayor of Norwich, was so deeply moved by the plight of the city's impoverished children that he directed that money be spent on the relief of their suffering. Four hundred years on, his fund continues to support those in need.

The creative writing workshops, designed for students between the ages of 6 – 18 years, will take place at either end of a school trip.

The first will teach participants the skills needed to be eagle-eyed adventure-cadets under the strict and watchful eye of 'Indianya' Jones. The second will see them turn their field notes into poetry, prose and performance, finally earning their wings as fully fledged travel writers.

Sophie Scott-Brown, Programme Manager at Writers' Centre Norwich said:

'We are delighted to be Anguish's Educational Foundation on delivering 'Words and Ways'. For four hundred years Thomas Anguish's legacy has provided vital support and enrichment to the lives of the city's children. What better way to celebrate this than to offer all children, regardless of circumstance, access to both incredible journeys and the verbal tools to make them even more meaningful?'

The project will run between February – July 2017, culminating in an anthology collection of the children's work in autumn 2017 and a showcase event in early 2018.

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1. Press enquiries to: Andrew Burton, Director of Communications, Writers' Centre Norwich at andrew.burton@writerscentrenorwich.org.uk or 01603 877177
2. Participating schools: Colman Junior, Kinsale Junior, Magdalen Gates, Queen's Hill, Sparkhawk Infant, Bignold Primary, Catton Grove, West Earlham Junior.
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. Anguish's Educational Foundation is one of the four Registered Charities in the Norwich Charitable Trusts group of Charities. The Charity makes grants to individuals and to other charities for educational purposes. The Charity is named after Thomas Anguish, who lived between 1536 and 1617. He was a merchant of the City of Norwich and Mayor in 1611 who left money in his will to set up this Charity. www.anguisheducationalfoundation.org.uk/
5. This project is supported by Arts Council England.