

Young Norfolk Writing Competition 2018 launches today

The search is on for the best young writers in Norfolk. The competition celebrates poetry, song lyrics, fiction, non-fiction and scriptwriting and is open to 11 - 18 year olds living or studying in Norfolk.

The competition is a collaboration between Writers' Centre Norwich (WCN), the Young Norfolk Arts Trust and Norfolk County Council. It builds on the success of previous years in which over 100 young people have participated from over 40 schools.

The winners receive professional mentoring to help take their writing forward, publication on the WCN website plus bookish goody bags!

Peggy Hughes, Programme Director, Writers' Centre Norwich says:

'We're delighted to be partnering with Young Norfolk Arts Trust and Norfolk County Council once again to celebrate the creativity and passion of Norfolk's young writers and to offer this exciting opportunity for their brilliant work to be read and heard.'

Lucy Farrant, Director of the Young Norfolk Arts Trust says:

'I am delighted with the continuing success of this competition which celebrates the creativity of young people throughout the County. It is very exciting that this year's competition will be open to all forms of writing and that submissions can also be made via spoken word. I am looking forward very much to reading and hearing the entries.'

The competition is free to enter and closes on 4th June 2018. Entries may be written, recorded or in graphic story format, and can be submitted here:

Notes to Editors:

1. About Writers' Centre Norwich (WCN)

WCN is a literature development organisation based in England's first UNESCO City of Literature. In summer 2018 WCN will become the National Centre for Writing. The National Centre for Writing at Dragon Hall will promote great literature, inspire communities through the power of writing, reading and literary translation, nurture literary talent and host world-class events.

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3. 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 www.ynaf.org.uk