

Literature Wales Seeks New Members for Bursaries Panel

Literature Wales is seeking **three** new members to join its Bursaries Panel, to assess applications for its Writers' Bursaries and Mentoring Scheme and award funding. Literature Wales Writers' Bursaries and the Mentoring Scheme are core Writer Development activities which offer opportunities for early career writers to develop their creative and professional development. We are looking for people who want to contribute positively to developing the creative and professional potential of early career writers in Wales.

Literature Wales Writers' Bursaries and the Mentoring Scheme are supported by The National Lottery through the Arts Council of Wales.

About the role

Bursaries Panel members - Qualities required

- Overview of the literary scene in Wales
 - Knowledge of the publishing industry / writing in Wales (see genres below)
 - Expertise in contemporary English language writing in Wales
- AND/OR**
- Expertise in contemporary Welsh language writing in Wales (knowledge of Welsh essential to assess Welsh language applications)
 - Experience of and ability to read large number of manuscripts and write reports
 - Professional approach
 - Critical judgement

Knowledge of / Expertise in at least **two** of the following genres required:

- Poetry
- Prose
- Creative non-fiction
- Literary criticism
- Children's literature
- Young adult fiction
- Graphic novels

Main responsibilities of Bursaries Panel members:

- Assess and report on annual applications for Literature Wales Writers' Bursaries and Mentoring Scheme.
- Attend the annual meeting of the Bursaries Panel, usually held in Cardiff in November.

Bursaries Panel members are appointed initially for a three-year term. This may be extended by a maximum of one further three-year term. A fee of £550 per annum is payable for this work, plus a contribution to travel expenses to attend the Bursaries Panel meeting.

Further details are available in the information note, which can be downloaded from our [website](#).

We are currently seeking individuals with specific expertise in the following areas: children's literature and young adult fiction in English and Welsh; Welsh language poetry; English-language fiction and poetry.

We are committed to welcoming candidates from a wide range of backgrounds, which includes assessing applications partly on the strength of potential.

For more information on Literature Wales Writers' Bursaries, click [here](#). For more information on the Literature Wales Mentoring Scheme, click [here](#).

The **Literature Wales Strategic Plan (2019-22)** is available [here](#). We recommend reading this in advance of sending your application, particularly the Writer Development strategy.

How to submit your application

To apply for this role, please provide the following:

1. Application letter (no longer than 2 pages), explaining why you would like to be considered for the role.
2. Your CV, identifying relevant experience, including the details of two referees we may contact.
3. A completed Equality and Diversity Monitoring Form

Please email your application to post@literaturewales.org, or send by post to:
Literature Wales, Chief Executive Lleucu Siencyn, Glyn Jones Centre, Wales Millennium Centre, Bute Place, Cardiff, CF10 5AL

Closing date for applications: 12 noon, Friday 5 July 2019

What happens next?

We may wish to arrange informal conversations with shortlisted applicants, to discuss the application in detail. In this instance, they will take place during **w/b 8 July**. We expect Panel Members to take up the role from 1 September 2019.

For further details contact Literature Wales:
029 2047 2266 / post@literaturewales.org / www.literaturewales.org

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