

CHILDREN'S LAUREATE WALES.

Dear children of Wales,

I'm very proud to be your Laureate.

I've heard some of your stories and they are vibrant, exciting, unique, spellbinding and brilliant. I want to hear more.

I want you to feel empowered by words, so that you can be the writers and storytellers of today and tomorrow.

I want you to feel passionate about reading for pleasure. I want you to discuss books, write your own stories, visit libraries, browse bookshops, go to literature festivals, give opinions, ask questions. I want you to use your voices and your words.

I promise that I will do everything I can to listen to you and to represent you well.

I will do my very best to help you find the right stories for you.

I will push for you to see yourselves well represented in literature and for you to have access to a wide choice of books.

Your voices matter. You matter. I look forward to hearing from you.

Eloise.

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