# **Representing Wales 2026-2027 Application Form**

Representing Wales is a 12-month programme which provides development opportunities for writers currently under-represented in the literature sector in Wales.

The deadline for applications is **5.00 pm, Tuesday 11 November 2025.**

To apply, you will need to send this application form, along with an example of your creative work to post@literaturewales.org

If you have a disability or an illness that might make it difficult to apply, [please contact Literature Wales](https://www.literaturewales.org/contact/) to speak to a member of staff.

To enquire about applying by video, or for any other queries, [please contact Literature Wales](https://www.llenyddiaethcymru.org/contact/).

## Statements and Eligibility

**1a.** Can you confirm that you are aged 18 or over and living in Wales?

[ ]  Yes

[ ]  No

(If your answer is YES, please continue to the next question. If your answer is NO, please feel free to [get in touch with Literature Wales](https://www.literaturewales.org/contact/) to discuss other opportunities you may be able to access.)

**1b.** I am currently living in Wales

[ ]  Yes

[ ]  No

(If your answer is YES, please continue to question 1d. If your answer is NO, please answer question 1c)

**1c:** I don’t live in Wales, but I am submitting work in the Welsh language

[ ]  Yes

[ ]  No

(If your answer is YES, please continue to the next question).

If your answer is NO, please feel free to [get in touch with Literature Wales](https://www.literaturewales.org/contact/) to discuss other opportunities you may be able to access).

**1d:**  Between April 2026 and March 2027, I will be in full time education

[ ]  **No, I will not be in full or part time education** (If your answer is NO, I will not be in full or part-time education, please continue to question **1f**)

[ ]  **Yes, I will be in full time education** (If your answer is YES, you are ineligible for the 2026-27 Representing Wales Programme. Please feel free to [get in touch with Literature Wales](https://www.literaturewales.org/contact/) to discuss other opportunities you may be able to access.)

[ ]  **No, but I will be in part time education\*** (Please complete 1e)

**1e:**  **If you are a part time student, we need more information to decide if you are eligible and suitable for this programme.**

* Please let us know more about your studies: what are you studying, and for what degree? (Max 50 words)
* Why do you believe that you need the Representing Wales training programme in addition to the programme provided as part of your degree? (Max 100 words)
* Would you be using the Representing Wales bursary of £3,000 to support paying your tuition fees as a student?

[ ]  Yes

[ ]  No

**1f:** Representing Wales is a 12-month programme which provides development support for writers who are under-represented in Welsh society and within the literature and publishing scene in Wales.

(For definitions of any of the characteristics listed below, please refer to the [Frequently Asked Questions section](https://www.literaturewales.org/our-projects/representing-wales/representing-wales-2026-2027/rw5-frequently-asked-questions/) on our website)

Please note all under-represented characteristics with which you identify:

**​​☐​** Deaf and/ or hard of hearing

**​​☐​** From a low-income background

**​​☐​** Belonging to the Gyspy, Roma and/or Traveller communities

**​​☐​** LGBTQA+

**​​☐​** Neurodivergent

**​​☐​** From a Black, Asian or Minority Ethnic background.

**​​☐​** Living with disabilities and/or long-term health issues

**1g:** We appreciate this is not an exhaustive list and welcome any comments on other aspects of your identity which you feel is under-represented within the literature and publishing sector in Wales.

Please note your comments below. (50 words maximum)

## Questions About You

**2a:** Your full name:

**2b:** Your email address:

**2c:** Your phone number (optional):

**2d:** Your home address (including postcode):

**2e:** Your date of birth:

**2f:** Have you received support from, or worked with Literature Wales before?

​​[ ] ​ Yes

​​[ ] ​ No

If yes, please specify:

**2g:** Where did you hear about this opportunity?

## Application Questions

**3a: Experience:** Please tell us about your relevant writing experience so far. (200 words max)

Please note the names and dates of any publications and if you’ve previously attended any other writer development programmes and/or courses.

**3b: Ambitions:** What are your long-term writing ambitions and what would your voice and experiences contribute to the literary scene in Wales? How do you hope this programme will support you to achieve this? (200 words max)

**3c: Why now?** Please tell us why you want to apply for this opportunity at this stage of your journey (200 words max)

## 4. Your Creative Work

**4a:**  **What genre or form is your submitted example of your creative writing work?** Please [refer to the FAQs](https://www.literaturewales.org/our-projects/representing-wales/representing-wales-2026-2027/rw5-frequently-asked-questions/) for eligible creative work, e.g. scripts are not eligible for this opportunity.

[ ] Creative non-fiction

[ ] Graphic novel

[ ] Novel

[ ] Poetry

[ ] Short stories

[ ] Spoken word performance and/or rap

[ ] Other (please specify):

**You will need to send us an example of your creative work along with this application form.** It should be a project you would like to develop during your time on the Representing Wales program. We ask for a sample of up to 1,000 words of prose or between 4-6 poems. Please do not send anything too long.

If your work in progress is a graphic novel, we suggest you provide a 1-page summary of the story and a sample of up to 10 completed storyboard pages (with text and illustrations). We also welcome creative literary work in the form of video. If you are a spoken word artist, you are welcome to send a performance (up to ten minutes in length) of your original creative literary work.

You should submit your work in Welsh or English. If your work is a translation from another language, please note this on the document or video.

**4b:** **Which of these languages do you regularly use in your creative writing practice?**

[ ]  English only

[ ]  Welsh only

[ ]  English and Welsh

[ ]  Other language only (please elaborate below)

[ ]  A combination of different languages (please elaborate below)

Please tell us more:

Consent

**Before submitting your application form, please read and agree to the following statement**:
I have read and understood the guidelines, and the information I provided is accurate to the best of my knowledge.

[ ]  Yes

[ ]  No

**Literature Wales would like to keep you updated on our opportunities, news and services**. To ensure we comply with the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR), we need your consent to send you marketing communications. You can change your mind at any time by clicking the unsubscribe link in the footer of any email you receive from us, or by contacting us at data@literaturewales.org. We will treat your information with respect and will not share your personal information with a third party for marketing purposes.

Please let us know all the ways you would like to hear from us - tick each applicable option:

[ ]  E-mail

[ ]  Phone

[ ]  Post

[ ]  SMS

 **By completing your application, you agree to our** [**Terms and Conditions**](https://www.literaturewales.org/literature-wales-terms-conditions/)**, and consent to Literature Wales using the data you provide in this form to administer your application, and retaining that data for reporting and evaluation purposes, in accordance with GDPR.** Your privacy is important to us. For more information on how we handle your personal data, please read our [**Privacy Policy**](https://www.literaturewales.org/about-us/privacy-notice/).

## Your additional information

A profile on our [internal writer database](https://literaturewalesllenyddiaethcymru.beaconforms.com/form/894adc1a) will be made for all applicants. The questions below will help us to understand and improve the reach of our Strategic Programme. These questions are entirely optional and **will not** be used to assess your application. You can request the removal of your data from our database at any time by contacting data@literaturewales.org

In what language would you prefer to be contacted?

[ ]  English

[ ]  Welsh

What is your ethnicity?

What is your gender?

What are your pronouns?

## Next Steps

**Thank you for completing this application form. Please send this form as well as your creative work to** **post@literaturewales.org** **by 5.00 pm, Tuesday 11 November 2025.**

You will receive confirmation of receipt of your application within 3-5 days of submitting to us. If you have not heard from a member of Literature Wales staff within this timeframe, please check your junk mail and/or contact us at post@literaturewales.org.

This year we will be piloting a new, streamlined assessment process. You can expect an update on the status of your application by the start of December. Applicants who are shortlisted will be notified of the Assessment Panel’s decision by the end of February 2026.

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