

CREATIVE WRITING COMPETITION 2018
by the University of Essex

Entry Guidelines

Overview

Our Creative Writing Competition is back for a second year. Alongside children's author James Campbell (BoyFace and The Funny Life of Pets); we're on the lookout to find the next generation of talented authors and illustrators from across Essex.

Open to Key Stage 1 and 2, we hope to inspire children from across Essex to delve deep into their imaginations and share stories of far off places and wildly wonderful creatures.

Author, James Campbell, has shared a special technique he uses when writing his stories, to help children develop their imaginations and ideas. Called the 'Labels Technique', James has designed a teaching resource especially for this competition which can be viewed on our website and a video demonstrating the technique here; <https://youtu.be/pTYZnNzcRE8>.

We'd love to see any drawings that have been created through this technique so please include them with the entry.

The theme of the competition this year is...

'Out of this world'

We welcome children to interpret this theme in imaginative and creative ways.

The deadline for entries is Sunday 11 November.

All participants are invited to attend a celebration evening at the University of Essex on Tuesday 4 December 2018.

Word Count Guidelines

Reception and Key Stage 1 – up to 300 words

Year 3 & 4 – up to 500 words

Year 5 & 6 – up to 1000 words

Award Categories

Gold and Silver awards will be presented to each age category

- Reception and Key Stage 1
- Year 3 & 4
- Year 5 & 6

Other awards include;

- The Most Creative Character
- The Most Original Illustration
- The Most Imaginative Setting
- The Most Captivating Plot

Prizes

All participants are invited to attend a celebration evening at the University of Essex on 4 December 2018. Everyone who takes part will receive a certificate. Winners will receive a certificate, £10 book voucher and signed James Campbell book.

How to submit entries

Entries can be handwritten or typed. Where needed, adults can support by scribing on behalf of a child

Please ensure each story has an entry form attached to each entry.

This is really important as we'll need to know the author behind each story and how we can get in touch with them.

By Post

Arts Education Team (CER)
University of Essex
Wivenhoe Park
Colchester
CO4 3SQ

By Email

Handwritten stories and accompanying illustrations can be scanned in and emailed to us at:

artsed@essex.ac.uk

Subject title: [Author's Name] Creative Writing Competition Entry

The deadline for entries is Sunday 11 November.

Judging Process

The entries will be shortlisted by a team of students at the University of Essex. Shortlisted entries will then be reviewed by our panel of judges.

The panel includes;

James Campbell – Children's Author
Dr James Canton – Lecturer, Literature, Film, and Theatre Studies at the University of Essex.
Rob Jones – Illustrator and Children's Author

Celebration Evening

The children who take part in the project are invited to attend a Celebration Evening on Tuesday 4 December 2017, 6:30pm at the University of Essex. James and the other judges will be reading extracts from some of their favourite entries. We will share details about the event via our website and through email closer to the date.

About the Arts Education at the University of Essex

We're part of the University of Essex, so we know all about exploring, questioning and creating powerful ideas.

We believe in using the arts to encourage people to be bold and inquisitive about the world, no matter what you're interested in. We ignite imaginations and challenge expectations through our ground-breaking projects for all learners.

Contact Us

If you have any questions about the competition or ways you can get involved in our wider programme please contact us. Email: artsed@essex.ac.uk Tel: 01206 873883