



## PRESS RELEASE

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### Literature Works Announces New Chair of the Board

We are delighted to announce the appointment of Heather Norman-Soderlind as the new Chair of Literature Works.

Heather brings a wealth of experience in marketing and fundraising across both public and private sectors of industry. Following an international career with news and information giant Thomson Reuters, she became Head of Public and Regional Marketing at the British Library in London in 2002 and subsequently joined writers' charity English PEN as Deputy Director. She holds a degree in Modern Languages from Oxford University.

Heather says: *"Literature Works is an exceptional charity which invests hard-won philanthropic resources to deliver the benefits of access to literature to audiences at all levels of society across South West England. Together with Chief Executive Tracey Guiry and our board of Trustees, I look forward to furthering its growth, sustainability and national standing"*

Literature Works is a National Portfolio Organisation of Arts Council England, South West. We are a member of the Read South West Executive which works across all libraries in our area to develop reading initiatives with writers. Current projects include *One Giant Read* ([www.onegiantread.org.uk](http://www.onegiantread.org.uk)), working with the UK Space Agency to compliment Tim Peake's time on the International Space Station, and *Writing Places*, a project to place Writers in Residence in iconic sites and buildings around the region.

Literature Works provides the Grassroots Awards and Annual Fund which gives between £50 and £500 to community groups to support work with reading and writing. Funds are dependent on donations through philanthropy and corporate sponsorship and if you would like to get involved or support us you can see more at [literatureworks.org.uk/grassroots-literature-fund](http://literatureworks.org.uk/grassroots-literature-fund).

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#### Editors Notes:

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**Literature Works** is a literature development agency and an Arts Council national portfolio organisation for the South West of England. They bring together all elements of the literature sector, writers, poets, libraries, booksellers, publishers, agents, schools and communities of readers in ways that strengthen and sustain the whole. They enable the best talent to develop and ensure that the very best writing and reading opportunities are made available to the widest and most diverse audiences and communities. They provide information, news and resources via their website, Twitter and Facebook. Current projects include:

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[www.onegiantread.org.uk](http://www.onegiantread.org.uk) @onegiantread

[www.writingplaces.org.uk](http://www.writingplaces.org.uk)

[www.readsouthwest.org.uk](http://www.readsouthwest.org.uk) and [www.readingpassport.org.uk](http://www.readingpassport.org.uk)