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Plymouth Young City Laureate 2023

The search is on!

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Paid commissions to represent Plymouth through words

Literature Works is teaming up with Plymouth City Council, Plymouth Culture and the With Flying Colours project, reaching out to aspiring young writers in the city between the ages of 14 and 19 years, as we seek the next Plymouth Young City Laureate.

The role of Plymouth Young City Laureate is important. The chosen young writer will be commissioned to create work to celebrate special events or occasions in the city and will be invited to perform in libraries schools and at festivals.

We will commission the successful 2022-23 Young City Laureate on three occasions and pay a fee of £50 per commission. We will ask the Young City Laureate to perform at least two events across the year, alongside invited writers, for which they will also be paid.

Submissions are open now and close at midnight on Sunday 27th November 2022

Who can apply?

The Young City Laureate is open to **any young person aged 14-19** who lives, works or studies in Plymouth. You will be a writer of either **prose** (fiction, creative non-fiction) or **poetry**.



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If you are interested in this role, please submit:

1. **A 200-word statement** about why you would like to be the Young City Laureate for Plymouth and what you would do with the role if you got it. (You might want to tell us about people or organisations you'd like to work with or events you'd like to be part of, for example).
2. **Two pieces of creative writing.** These should be either poetry (no more than one page of A4 per poem), or prose in the form of fiction or creative non-fiction (no more than 2,000 words per piece). Your writing should address these topics:
 - ❖ **'Plymouth: A Welcoming City'** – why is Plymouth welcoming? What makes it feel like home?
 - ❖ **#WritingCommunity** – what is it like to be a young writer? #WritingCommunity is a popular hashtag used by writers on social media to share their day to day experience of writing. As your response, please tell the reader what it's like for you to be writing today in Plymouth.

Please email your application to info@literatureworks.org.uk
with the subject line 'Plymouth Young City Laureate'.

You can post your application, if preferred, to –

Literature Works, c/o The Arts Institute Office
Roland Levinsky Building
University of Plymouth
Drake Circus
Plymouth
PL4 8AA Entries should be marked 'Plymouth Young City Laureate'.



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