



Plymouth Young City Laureate 2024

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Paid commissions to represent Plymouth through words

Literature Works is teaming up with Plymouth Culture, 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 2024-25 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.

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 500 words per piece). Your writing should address these topics:
 - ❖ **'Plymouth, the Sea and Me'** – What about the sea and our city inspires you? What Plymouth feel like home for you?
 - ❖ **'My best writing'** – A sample of writing that best represents you as a writer and that you are most proud of!

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

Submissions are open now and close at midday on Wednesday 17th July 2024