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**Creative Writing Competition: ‘A Changing World’**

**National Literacy Trust** and **Doncaster Stories** are delighted to launch an exciting creative writing competition as part of the Connecting Stories project, with support from author Cat Weldon. We are inviting children aged 7-11 from Doncaster to create a piece of writing based on the theme ***‘A Changing World’.***

What does ‘A Changing World’ mean to you? Perhaps you’ll write about an event from long ago, share a vision for the future or reflect on how your world has changed over the past year.

You can choose any format you like – a story, a poem, news article or diary entry. You can include some illustrations too.

Everyone who enters the competition will receive a certificate and will have a chance to get their work published in an anthology and displayed in a local exhibition. There will also be additional prizes available including Waterstones book vouchers, backpacks full of books and ‘Reading Champions’ t-shirts, thanks to Doncaster Book Awards and Doncaster Rotary Club. One lucky school will also receive a visit from author and illustrator Liz Million, either in person or virtually.

Winning entries will be chosen based on originality, imagination, relation to the theme and overall enjoyment.

**How to enter**

* Use the blank space in this booklet or a side of A4 paper to complete your piece of writing.
* Ask your parent/guardian or teacher to scan or photograph your work and enter online at <https://literacytrust.org.uk/communities/doncaster/connecting-stories/> or email it to [doncastercs@literacytrust.org.uk](mailto:doncastercs@literacytrust.org.uk). Don’t forget to include your first name and first letter of your surname, your age and school.

**Privacy notice**

The National Literacy Trust will need to hold and process your personal data in order to manage this competition. We will only use it for this purpose we will never pass on personal information to any other organisations unless specific consent has been given. For our full privacy policy see [literacytrust.org/privacy](https://literacytrust.org.uk/information/privacy-policy/).



**‘A Changing World’: Writing prompts**

Doncaster Stories are delighted to launch an exciting creative writing competition as part of the Connecting Stories project. Your piece of writing can be funny, heart-warming, adventurous or exciting, fiction or non-fiction. Everything is welcome!

Here are some ideas to get you started.

* Can you imagine a world that is changing in a weird or wonderful way?
* In 2020 the world adapted to a lot of change and challenges. How did this make you feel and what changed?
* How do you think the world will change in the future?
* How has the world changed already?
* What do you think the world was like in the beginning?
* Some ideas you could explore are: the environment, living during a pandemic, adventures, countries around the world, space travel.

**First name and the first letter of your surname:** Click here to enter text.

**Age:** Click or tap here to enter text. **School:** Click or tap here to enter text.

**Parent/Guardian/Teacher email address**: Click or tap here to enter text.

Parent/Guardian: I give permission for this work, along with the name and school provided, to be published in an anthology and displayed online or in public venues.

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**Competition Guidance**

* The competition is open to children and young people aged 7-11, but entries from all primary year groups will be considered for the exhibition.
* The closing date for submission is Friday 12th March 2021. Winners will be announced at the beginning of April.
* Entries should be one page of A4 or 500 words maximum and written in English.
* The piece of creative writing must be an original piece of work and be wholly written by the entrant. It must reflect the theme of the competition as stated in the competition challenge. The writing must be single-authored.
* Entries must not contain obscene, defamatory, offensive or otherwise unsuitable material. The organisers reserve the right to disqualify such entries.
* A team of community partners and National Literacy Trust staff will shortlist entries and winners will be chosen by our panel of experts.
* On submission, parents/guardians will be asked to grant permission to enter. They will be asked for consent to publish the entrant’s writing online or in print form, or display physical entries in public spaces.
* Teachers submitting on behalf of their pupils must obtain permission from parents/ guardians prior to submission. As a teacher, by entering your pupils’ work into this competition you are confirming that written parental consent has been sought and confirmed in advance of the submission. National Literacy Trust will not be held liable in the instance that consent has not been sought.
* National Literacy Trust will only use the information provided for the purposes for which it was obtained and that we will never pass on personal information to any other organisations unless specific consent has been given.