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Right Words¹¹

freedom of expression

Right Words 2011/ 12 competition invites students from around Britain to produce a piece of writing inspired by the issue of freedom of expression.

All students in years 10 and 11 in England and Wales (Key Stage 4) and all Secondary 3 and 4 students in Scotland are eligible.

This exciting competition has been launched to support the work of Human Rights Watch and English PEN.

A distinguished panel of judges will consider the submissions and select winner in the following categories:

- A newspaper article
- A poem
- A fictional story
- Short dialogue / monologue
- A rap / song (music and lyrics)

A piece of artwork can be submitted to accompany any of the entries.

Prizes:

- The best entries will be published in an anthology in the spring of 2012
- Winners will be invited to attend a prize giving in London
- Cash prize for the best overall entry

Resources

Instructions, lesson plans, information about freedom of expression, a list of high profile judges, workshop information and writing advice to students can be found on our website: www.rightwords.org.uk

What to do next...

For further information and further details of how to enter please visit our website or email: rightwords@englishpen.org

Closing date: Monday 26th March 2012

Human Rights Watch is an international non-governmental organisation dedicated to protecting the human rights of people around the world. It stands with victims and activists to prevent discrimination, to uphold political freedom, to protect people from inhumane conduct in wartime and to bring offenders to justice. www.hrw.org.

English PEN works to protect the freedom to write and the freedom to read in the UK and internationally. Founded in 1921, English PEN helped set up an international writers association which now has 144 PEN centres in 102 countries. Programmes include Writers in Prison (protecting threatened writers around the world), Writers in Translation (promoting the best international writing), Readers & Writers (improving life chances for refugees and prisoners through literature), Writers in Public (programming a year round festival of literature events) and UK Campaigns (including libel reform, criminal memoirs and writers' visas). www.englishpen.org

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