

# THE Lit & Phil

**YOUNG  
WRITERS'  
AWARDS**

**2017-2018**



The Lit & Phil is inviting young people from across the North East to take part in the 5<sup>th</sup> Lit & Phil Young Writers' Awards.

Schools can enter the competition for free.

Everyone who submits an entry will receive one year's free Lit & Phil membership!



**There are prizes in three categories (fiction, non-fiction and poetry) and over two age ranges, 11-14 and 15-18 years old.**

Winners will receive £50 book tokens and will have their entries published on the *The Journal* website.

In addition, a pamphlet of winning entries and runners-up will be produced for all participants.

The theme of this year is 'journey'.

This year's judges are:

*Fiction:* **Shelley Day**  
novelist and short story writer

*Poetry:* **Tom Kelly**  
poet and playwright

*Non-Fiction:* **David Whetstone**  
Arts Editor of *The Journal*

Young writers will take part in creative writing sessions led by writing mentors in school and in the Lit & Phil. Everyone will also be invited to a *Meet the Judges* event at the Lit & Phil on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> October 2017 at 4.30pm.

The awards ceremony will take place on **Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> March 2018 4.30pm at the Lit & Phil.**

*"It was a pleasure and an honour to present these awards last year, and to be inspired by the creativity of the young writers who took part. I hope that the awards become a regular event. It's wonderful that the great Lit & Phil is doing such wonderful and important work for the young people of the North East."*

**David Almond**, award-winning children's author.

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