

BBC Young Writers' Award 2021



The BBC Young Writers' Award with Cambridge University is now open for submissions - with broadcaster Katie Thistleton chairing the judging panel.

Now in its seventh year, the BBC Young Writers' Award with Cambridge University invites all young people in the UK aged between 14-18 years to submit stories of up to 1,000 words.

Radio 1 Presenter Katie Thistleton will chair the judging panel for the fourth time, joined for 2021 by bestselling, highly acclaimed Irish YA author, Louise O'Neill; twenty-year old singer-songwriter Arlo Parks; Sunday Times bestselling author and actor Robert Webb; and Guardian Children's Fiction Award winner Alex Wheatle.

The BBC Young Writers' Award with Cambridge University was launched as part of the tenth anniversary celebrations for the **BBC National Short Story Award** and aims to inspire and encourage the next generation of writers. Previous winners are **Brennig Davies (2015)**, **Lizzie Freestone (2016)**, **Elizabeth Ryder (2017)**, **Davina Bacon (2018)**, **Georgie Woodhead (2019)** and **Lottie Mills (2020)**.

For more information about this competition and how to apply, [Click Here](#)