

## BCU Presents: Benjamin Zephaniah Future Writers T&Cs 2024



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### BIRMINGHAM CITY UNIVERSITY BENJAMIN ZEPHANIAH FUTURE WRITERS COMPETITION TERMS AND CONDITIONS

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#### 1. The promoter

The promoter is: BIRMINGHAM CITY UNIVERSITY of University House  
15 Bartholomew Row Birmingham B5 5JU United Kingdom.

#### 2. The competition

2.1 The title of the competition is BENJAMIN ZEPHANIAH FUTURE WRITERS.

2.2 The competition is organised by Birmingham City University to celebrate of the life and work of BCU Honorary Doctorate Benjamin Zephaniah. It is open to primary school students from Year One to Year Six, secondary school and college/Sixth Form students, as well as adults with six categories in total. To enter participants must submit a poem or short story inspired by Benjamin Zephaniah's poem 'People Need People'.

Please see full terms and conditions below:

#### 3. How to enter

3.1 The competition will run from 5 September 2024 (the "Opening Date") to 5.00pm on 11 November 2024 (the "Closing Date") inclusive.

3.2 All competition entries must be received by the Promoter by no later than 5.00 pm on the Closing Date. All competition entries received after the Closing Date are automatically disqualified.

3.3 To enter the competition:

(a) Enter the competition online by completing the Benjamin Zephaniah Future Writers online form by Closing Date.

3.4 The Promoter will not accept:

(a) responsibility for competition entries that are lost, mislaid, damaged or delayed in transit, regardless of cause, including, for example, as a result of any postal failure, equipment failure, technical malfunction, systems, satellite, network, server, computer hardware or software failure of any kind; or

3.5 By submitting a competition entry, you are agreeing to be bound by these terms and conditions.

#### **4. Eligibility**

4.1 The competition is only open to all residents in the UK aged 18 years or over, and children under 18 years old provided that an authorisation from their parent or legal guardian is included, except:

(a) employees of the Promoter or its holding or subsidiary companies, who are professionally connected with the competition or its administration;

(b) employees of agents or suppliers of the Promoter or its holding or subsidiary companies, who are professionally connected with the competition or its administration; or

(c) members of the immediate families or households of (a) and (b) above.

4.2 In entering the competition, you confirm that you are eligible to do so and eligible to claim the prize. The Promoter may require you to provide proof that you are eligible to enter the competition.

4.3 The Promoter will not accept competition entries that are:

(a) automatically generated by computer;

(b) completed by third parties or in bulk;

(c) illegible, have been altered, reconstructed, forged or tampered with;

(d) photocopies and not originals

(e) incomplete

(f) over the word count for short stories – 500 words

(g) over the line count for poems – 40 lines

(h) do not include a title

(i) do not include authorisation and personal details from parent/legal guardian for participants under 18.

4.4 There is a limit of one entry per person overall. Entries on behalf of another person will not be accepted and joint submissions are not allowed.

4.5 The Promoter reserves all rights to disqualify you if your conduct is contrary to the spirit or intention of the prize competition.

## **5. The prizes**

5.1 The prizes for first place in each of the six categories are:

Two Birmingham Literature Festival 2025 tickets, two Birmingham REP tickets, Amazon Kindle with a £25 Amazon voucher and a £50 Heath Bookshop voucher

5.2 The prizes for second place in each of the six categories are:

Amazon Kindle with a £25 Amazon voucher and a £50 Heath Bookshop voucher

5.3 The prize for third place in each of the six categories is:

A £50 Heath Bookshop voucher

5.4 Prizes are subject to availability. There is no cash alternative for the prize.

5.5 The prizes are not negotiable or transferable.

## **6. Winners**

6.1 The decision of the Promoter is final and no correspondence or discussion will be entered into.

6.2 Participants whose entries have been shortlisted will be invited to attend the Awards Ceremony on 11 December on Birmingham City University City Centre Campus in Birmingham.

6.3 The winners will be announced during the Awards Ceremony.

6.4 The Promoter will contact the winners absent from the Awards Ceremony as soon as practicable after the Announcement Date, using the telephone number or email address provided with the competition entry. The Promoter will not amend any contact information once the competition entry form has been submitted.

6.5 The Promoter will publish the first name, last name, competition category and the winning entry of all winners on the Promoter's website, the Promoter's social media channels and in a press release issued by the Promoter after the Awards Ceremony.

6.5 The Promoter must either publish or make available information that indicates that a valid award took place. To comply with this obligation the Promoter will publish the surname and county of major prize winners on written request.

## **7. Claiming the prize**

7.1 The Promoter will make all reasonable efforts to contact the winner. If the winner cannot be contacted or is not available, or has not claimed their prize within 7 days of the Announcement Date, the Promoter reserves the right to offer the prize to the next eligible entrant selected from the correct entries that were received before the Closing Date.

7.2 The Promoter does not accept any responsibility if you are not able to take up the prize.

## **8. Limitation of liability**

Insofar as is permitted by law, the Promoter, its agents or distributors will not in any circumstances be responsible or liable to compensate the winner or accept any liability for any

loss, damage, personal injury or death occurring as a result of taking up the prize except where it is caused by the negligence of the Promoter, its agents or distributors or that of their employees. Your statutory rights are not affected.

### **9. Ownership of competition entries and intellectual property rights**

9.1 The copyright in each poem and story submitted remains with the author but prize-winning and shortlisted entrants grant BCU a non-exclusive, worldwide licence for the duration of the competition and 12 months after it finishes (until 11 December 2025), and for ongoing publicity purposes.

9.2 All winning entries will be included in in the Benjamin Zephaniah Future Writers Winners's Anthology published by Poetry Birmingham Literary Journal (PBLJ).

### **10. Data protection and publicity**

10.1 The Promoter will only process your personal information as set out in the BCU's Privacy Notices available at <https://www.bcu.ac.uk/about-us/corporate-information/policies-and-procedures/privacy-notices>.

### **11. General**

11.1 If there is any reason to believe that there has been a breach of these terms and conditions, the Promoter may, at its sole discretion, reserve the right to exclude you from participating in the competition.

11.2 The Promoter reserves the right to hold void, suspend, cancel, or amend the prize competition where it becomes necessary to do so.

11.3 These terms and conditions shall be governed by English law, and the parties submit to the non-exclusive jurisdiction of the courts of England and Wales.