

Know a young person who loves to write?

WestWords (the Western Sydney Young People's Literature Project) is looking for talented young writers for the project's first Young Writers' Masterclass.

Up to 15 talented young writers with a project under way will have the opportunity to work with award-winning writer James Roy to polish their manuscript over a series of 4 weekend workshops. The workshop program will conclude with a public reading of the writers' work and publication in an anthology.

The WestWords-Mars Hill Café Young Writers' Masterclass is open to young people aged 14-18 who live or go to school in Greater Western Sydney (including south-western Sydney).

Workshops will take place at Mars Hill Café, Church Street, Parramatta, on dates and times to be confirmed (Saturday or Sunday afternoons).

How to enter:

Submit a piece of writing **no longer** than 1000 words. Your piece of writing must be narrative prose and can be a short story or extract from a novel. You may supply a letter of support from a teacher at your school.

Entries close Friday, 22 July, 2011. All entries must be accompanied by a completed entry form.

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Westwords-Mars Hill Café Young Writers Masterclass Entry Form

ENTRY FORM

Name: _____ Age: _____

Address: _____

Suburb: _____ Postcode: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

School: _____

Don't forget to ask your parent/guardian to fill in this section!

I understand that successful entrants are expected to attend four writing workshops, and give permission for work produced during these workshops to be published.

Name: _____

Relationship to young person: _____

Phone: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Send your entry to:

WestWords Young Writers' Masterclass, PO Box 63, Blacktown NSW 2148. Emailed entries will not be accepted.

Conditions of Entry

1. Entry is free. 2. Entry is open to any young person aged 14-18 years (at January 1, 2011) who resides in or attends school in any of the following local government areas: Auburn, Bankstown, Blacktown, Blue Mountains, Camden, Campbelltown, Fairfield, Hawkesbury, Holroyd, Liverpool, Parramatta, Penrith, The Hills and Wollondilly. 3. Entries must be the entrant's original work and must be received by Friday, 8 July, 2011. 4. Limit of one entry per person. 5. Entries may be of any length up to 1000 words. 6. Each entry must be accompanied by a signed entry form. The entrant's name should be on the entry form and on the original piece of work. All names will be removed prior to judging to maintain anonymity. 7. Up to 15 most outstanding entries as judged by the panel of writers and children's literature specialists will be offered a place in the WestWords-Mars Hill Café Young Writers' Masterclass. The judges' decision is final. 8. All applicants will be notified of the judges' decision by Friday, 22 July, 2011. 9. Winners must be able to attend workshop sessions at a location to be confirmed from August-November 2011. 10. Entries must be mailed to WestWords-Mars Hill Café Young Writers' Masterclass, PO Box 63, Blacktown NSW 2148. Emailed entries will not be accepted. 11. Entries will not be returned. Please make a copy of your work before submitting it. WestWords does not take responsibility for any lost, misplaced, delayed or damaged entries. 12. Work produced during the workshops will be published in an anthology and may be used in WestWords promotional material. Each writer will receive one copy of the published anthology. Additional copies may be purchased at the writers' expense.

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