

The Floella Benjamin Trophy:

CHILDREN ARE OUR FUTURE

HOW TO ENTER

To celebrate the SWWJ's 125th anniversary on 1 May 2019 and our ongoing 2019 theme 'Past, Present and Future' we are pleased to announce this special writing competition, named in honour of our President, Baroness Benjamin, and open to all.

This competition is open to ALL writers living in the UK and aged 18 or over. Current membership of the SWWJ is not a requirement. Write a short story, essay, article, poem, letter, interview, monologue or play with the theme 'Children are our future.' There is a maximum 500 word limit (poems max 40 lines). Entries should be previously unpublished. Judging and shortlisting will be undertaken by a panel of SWWJ readers, with Baroness Benjamin making the final choice.

The prize comprises: Presentation of The Floella Benjamin trophy, £200, and one year's (2020/21) membership of the Society at full, associate or friend level, appropriate to the winner's writing experience. Only one entry per person please. Entry fee £2.50. **Closing date: 31 August 2019.**

Please note: The usual SWWJ competition rules do not apply. This is a paperless competition. It will be promoted on our website and through social media. Entries by email only, and entry fees payable via internet banking. No postal communications and no cheques please.

Please ensure your entry carries no identifying name or contact details. These should be clearly stated in the body of the email only. Attach your entry as a word (.doc or.docx) attachment, using single spacing and a clear font style/size. 'Children are our future' is intended as a theme only and not as the title. Please select a title of your own and include it on your entry.

Email your contact details, attached entry and any enquiries to: swwjcompetition@btinternet.com

Upon receipt, you will be sent a unique reference number and instructions re how to make payment of the £2.50 fee, direct to the SWWJ bank account. Submitted entries are not valid until payment has been received. We regret there is no 'paypal' payment option on this occasion.

The winner will be notified by email as soon as possible after the closing date, and no later than 1 November 2019 when the winner's name and entry title will be announced on our website www.swwj.co.uk

Presentation of the trophy will take place in London. Date to be confirmed. The SWWJ expects to publish the winning entry in a future issue of The Woman Writer magazine and may quote extracts on social media, but the winner retains copyright.