



**HERE FOR
YOUNG
WRITERS**

**2016
PROGRAM**



Express Media is the peak organisation for young writers in Australia. We create spaces on- and off-line for young people to develop their creative skills, publish their work and connect with other young writers across the country.

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-  EVENT
-  CRAFT & SKILLS DEVELOPMENT
-  FELLOWSHIPS & PRIZES
-  PUBLICATION
-  ACCESSIBLE TO NON-MEMBERS
-  WORKSHOPS / MASTERCLASSES
-  NETWORKING
-  MENTORING
-  ONLINE ACCESS

Tracks

Express Media hits the road with Tracks: a pop-up program for young writers, making pit-stops around Australia in 2016. Tracks brings the best of Express Media's workshops, masterclasses, networking opportunities and special events right to your backyard, tailor-made for your community. In 2016, Express Media will present Tracks programs with: Writers Victoria, Emerging Writers' Festival, WestWords, ACT Writers Centre & Ainslie + Gorman Arts Centres and more.

▶ expressmedia.org.au/tracks

Toolkits

Young writers across Australia can apply to be a part of Toolkits - a series of intensive, craft-specific online writing programs. The rigorous 12-week programs include one-on-one mentoring from an established writer, specialised presentations from guest artists and the opportunity to network with other young writers working in the same literary genre. Twelve writers are selected for each program and in 2016, Express Media will present Toolkits programs on:

- Poetry in partnership with Australian Poetry
- Creative Writing in partnership with WestWords

▶ expressmedia.org.au/toolkits

Typeface

Typeface is a hub for young writers: a one-stop-shop for discovering writing opportunities, literary news, tips and tutorials, and interviews with writers. You'll find advice for managing your arts practice, profiles on emerging literary voices and development opportunities exclusively geared to young writers and artists. Typeface is also where you'll find the most up-to-date info on Express Media events, programs and publications in 2016.

▶ expressmedia.org.au/typeface

Buzzcuts

Ever seen a play, visited a gallery or watched a film and felt your thoughts on it deserved to be heard beyond the confines of your own couch? Buzzcuts teaches young arts critics the essential skills for crafting incisive reviews and interviews, covering major festivals Australia-wide. Contributors work with an editor to produce writing on theatre, visual art, dance, comedy, fashion, literature, music and film, which are published as part of the Buzzcuts online magazine.

▶ buzzcuts.org.au

Voiceworks

Voiceworks, Australia's premier youth literary journal, publishes poetry, fiction, articles, comics and visual art by people under 25.

▶ voiceworksmag.com.au

Submit

Submissions open quarterly and all works receive constructive feedback from the Voiceworks Editorial Committee.

Edit

Apply to join the Voiceworks Editorial Committee and help bring the magazine to life under the guidance of the Voiceworks Editor.

Party

Voiceworks launches will be cropping up Australia-wide in 2016. Come join the party and celebrate the next issue with us!

Read

Australia's newest literary talents are filling the pages of Voiceworks right now. Find the latest issue online or in your nearest quality bookshop.

Community

Express Media has partnered with the Victorian Indigenous Literature Office to present two exciting events for the inaugural Blak & Bright festival. Dedicated to Indigenous writing culture and ideas, the festival spotlights Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander artists across four days of panels, workshops, performances and special events.

▶ expressmedia.org.au/community

Creative Fellowships

Express Media's Creative Fellowship Program connects young Australian writers with established writing mentors. Each opportunity enables a young writer to receive valuable feedback and editorial support, develop industry knowledge and publish their work. In 2016, the Creative Fellowship Program includes:

- The Young Poets Fellowship for poets based in NSW, presented in partnership with Australian Poetry and the NSW Writers' Centre. Applications open in May.
- The Kat Muscat Fellowship for female-identifying writers and editors working on a literary project that responds to the notion of 'challenge'. Applications open in August.

▶ expressmedia.org.au/fellowships

Scribe Nonfiction Prize For Young Writers

Now in its fourth year, The Scribe Nonfiction Prize for Young Writers is a unique development award to foster talented writers aged 30 or under writing longform work. Entries are welcome across all nonfiction genres, including memoir, journalism, essay, and creative nonfiction. The winner receives a cash prize, a year-long mentorship with a senior editor to develop their work, and 25 new and soon-to-be-published books tailored to their interests. Entries open in March.

▶ expressmedia.org.au/scribe

SCHOOLS

Express Media works with Australian schools, libraries and local councils to deliver student workshops and teaching resources on writing, editing and publishing. All materials are developed in accordance with the Australian Curriculum for English and directly address content descriptors for Years 7-12.

▶ expressmedia.org.au/schools

▶ Contact our Education Coordinator on 03 9094 7891

The John Marsden / Hachette Australia Prize For Young Writers

Secondary school students are invited to submit their poetry, fiction or creative nonfiction to the John Marsden/Hachette Australia Prize for Young Writers. Winners receive a cash prize, a selection of YA titles from Hachette Australia and publication of their work in Voiceworks. Winners and shortlisted writers also take part in an exclusive workshop during Melbourne Writers Festival. Entries open in April.

▶ expressmedia.org.au/jmhprize

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