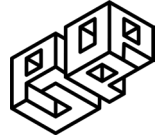


Children For Change

Young Writers Competition 2024



GUIDELINES & TERMS

Pop Up Projects & *The Week Junior* are looking for TEN brilliant young writers to help us change the world!

Children For Change is a brand new collection of stories, illustrations and facts inspiring young readers to 'take an action' - big or small, local or global – to protect our environments.

Launching on **October 7th** as part of UN World Habitat Day, this amazing ebook anthology will be FREE to download for EVERY child and in EVERY primary school in the UK!

Over 60 of the UK's favourite children's writers and illustrators are contributing to *Children For Change*, including: creator of *Tom Gates*, **Liz Pichon**; multi award-winning author of *Boy Everywhere*, **A.M. Dassu**; *The Gruffalo* illustrator, Axel Scheffler; bestselling authors of the *Dragon Realm* series, Katie & Kevin Tsang; *Draw with Rob* creator, **Rob Biddulph**; former Blue Peter presenter and author-illustrator of the *Cookie* series, **Konnie Huq**; *Young Bond* author, **Charlie Higson**.

Now it's your turn! We have teamed up with one of the UK's leading current affairs magazines for young people, *The Week Junior*, for the **Children For Change Young Writers Competition**. Ten young writers aged 8 to 12 will win the chance to have their story or poem included in this world-changing collection.

Children For Change's editor, broadcaster and passionate environmentalist, **Konnie Huq** says "I truly believe that children are the key to changing the future. We hope that by giving them inspiration we can help them make positive changes and decisions to build a greener and healthier future for our planet."

Our judges – **Konnie Huq**, author and broadcaster, Vanessa Harriss, Editor of *The Week Junior* and Dylan Calder, Director of Pop Up Projects – can't wait to read your entries!

So if you want your story or poem to be published in this world-changing collection, it's time to sharpen your writing skills! Read on to find out how to enter.

What are we looking for?

We're looking for TEN BRILLIANT NEW STORIES or poems that inspire other children to think about the things they can do to help the planet.

- **IF YOU WANT TO WRITE A STORY.**

It needs to be a *fictional* story – something you have imagined and created – so, not an essay, or an article. It needs to be original - it could be set in the real world, or it could be set in an imaginary place. It could have realistic people, make-believe characters, or even talking animals. It just has to do ONE thing: it has to help the reader understand something they can do to make the world a better, greener, healthier place.

- **IF YOU'D RATHER, YOU CAN WRITE A POEM.**

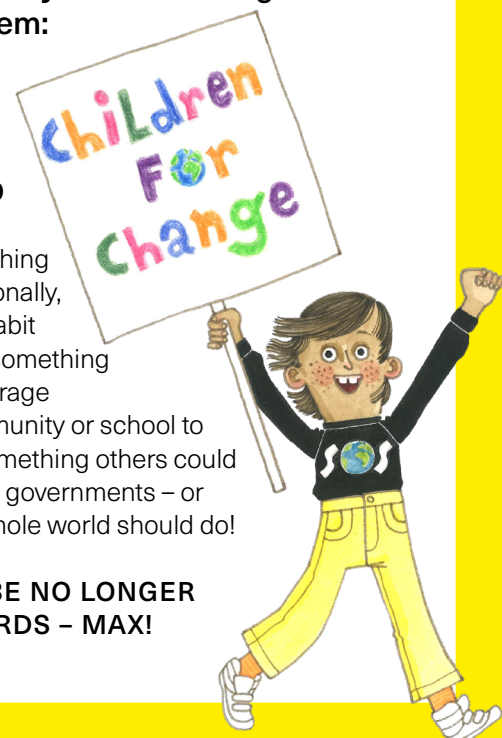
A poem doesn't have to be fictional (though it can be). Your poem can be more personal, a way to express your feelings about the world you know and love, and what people need to do to make things better. It doesn't need to rhyme (although it can if you want it to) and there's no rule about how you should structure it.

There are just TWO things you should think about before you start writing your story or poem:

- **IT NEEDS TO INSPIRE ANOTHER READER TO DO SOMETHING.**

It could be something they can do personally, like changing a habit or behaviour. Or something they could encourage their family, community or school to do. It could be something others could do, like leaders or governments – or something the whole world should do!

- **IT NEEDS TO BE NO LONGER THAN 500 WORDS – MAX!**



How should you submit your story or poem?

Hopefully, you'll be writing your story or poem in class, supported by a teacher, or at home supported by an adult. Because you will need an ADULT to enter the competition for you, as they will need to give their email and other details.

So this is what you need to do:

- **WRITE THE STORY.** And and make sure you spend time improving it, so it's the BEST it can be before you send it!
- **TYPE THE STORY INTO A WORD DOCUMENT.** Make sure you include your first name and surname above or below your writing, so we know who wrote it!

And this is what the ADULT helping you needs to do:

- Click on this [weblink](#).
- Provide the following details in the form:
 1. The name of the adult
 2. The email address of the adult
 3. Your full name—first name and surname
 4. Your age (on Friday 12th July)
 5. Your school year group and the name of your school
 6. The postcode of your school
- Attach your story or poem to the form in a Word document – we will only accept Word documents and the form won't allow upload of PDFs, JPGs or photos.
- Submit the entry by Friday 12th July at 3pm – after that, we won't accept any further entries.

And this is what happens next: winners will be selected by a judging panel. Once we've received all the entries and found our ten winners, we'll be in touch no later than **26th July 2024**.

Unfortunately we won't be able to inform all entrants of our decision – so if you haven't heard from us by **Friday 26th July 2024**, then you haven't won.

TERMS & CONDITIONS

1. The Promoter is Pop Up Projects CIC (5 Paper Mill Buildings, City Garden Row, London N1 8DW) & *The Week Junior* (121-141 Westbourne Terrace, Paddington, London W2 6JR).
2. The Competition period starts June 7th 2024 at 10am and ends July 12th 2024 at 3pm. After this date and time no further entries to the competition will be accepted.
3. The Competition is open only to children between the ages of 8 and 12 (on July 12th 2024).
4. The Competition is open only to entrants in the UK.
5. Only one entry per person will be accepted.
6. Entries must be no longer than 500 words.
7. Entries must relate to the theme of climate change, and should respond to the prompts provided in these guidelines.
8. Entries must be submitted in the English language, although words and phrases in other languages can be used in the story or poem.
9. To enter, a representative adult (e.g. teacher, parent, carer, librarian) must complete the online form and upload a Word document. No other file types will be accepted. No other method of entry will be accepted.
10. We will not be able to respond to email enquiries or accept entries via email.
11. No responsibility can be accepted for entries not received via the online form, for whatever reason.
12. The Winners will be notified via email to the adult contact, no later than July 26th 2024.
13. If the Winners cannot be contacted or do not respond to the email within seven days of notification, the organiser reserves the right to withdraw the winning entry and pick a replacement winner.
14. Pop Up Projects and *The Week Junior* shall not be responsible for any inaccurate contact details provided by the entrant, in accordance with the paragraph above.
15. Pop Up Projects and *The Week Juniors'* decision will be final and binding. No correspondence will be entered into.
16. TEN Winners only will see their entry in the *Children For Change* ebook anthology, launched on October 7th 2024.
17. The copyright of each story/poem remains with the writers. However, by entering the Competition, writers of the winning stories or poems grant Pop Up Projects and *The Week Junior* irrevocable, non-exclusive licence to republish the work in perpetuity, including (but not limited to) publishing the work online, including Pop Up Projects and *The Week Junior* websites and social media. We will mention the name of the winner and their school. We will notify the writer if a third-party requests permission to use their work in any way.
18. The prize is non-transferable and non-negotiable. No cash alternative will be offered.
19. All data for non-winning entrants will be deleted by August 19th 2024
20. Entrants must comply with their organisation's GDPR policy when applying.
21. These terms and conditions are governed by the laws of England.
22. By entering the Competition, you accept these terms and conditions.

