

Seeking the new generation of storytellers

YOUNG STORYTELLER 2009

**will take place in Birmingham on
SATURDAY 7 MARCH**



Individuals, schools and colleges, youth groups and youth theatre, story clubs and festivals, folk clubs and festivals – contact us now for more information

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PLANNING FOR YOUNG STORYTELLER OF THE YEAR 2009

EAST STAFFS YOUNG STORYTELLERS from Naomi Wilds

It looks like we have a group of young people who want to continue telling, which is fab!

They're going to be involved in our Web Festival, telling stories at an Open Night, and are talking about forming a club. This is exactly what we hoped could happen from a project like this.



SHROPSHIRE/TELFORD & WREKIN YOUNG STORYTELLERS from Ali Quarrell

'Had a great time' 'Can't wait for the next one!' With comments like that from 2008, I was delighted when asked to organise the Shropshire/Telford & Wrekin region for 2009.

I want an organisation run by Young Storytellers, with a committee of half-a-dozen volunteers to be the driving force: to decide what direction to go and find the money to make things happen - and a steering group with staff and pupils from all the schools taking part each year.

I'd like a blog/discussion board, so the committee doesn't spend time in meetings, and I'd like all the Young Storytellers in the area to use it to share stories, pictures and news about the competition.

And I'd like suggestions for a name: "Shropshire/Telford & Wrekin Young Storytellers" is a bit much!

William Brookes School in Much Wenlock & Thomas Adams School, Wem, have already agreed to be involved.

So things are starting to happen!



WHAT THEY SAID ABOUT YOUNG STORYTELLER OF THE YEAR 2008

“The coming generation leaves me full of optimism
for the future of storytelling. More!”

“The stories were told with passion, natural talent was everywhere.
Can't wait for the next one!”



Participants in the under-18 section

“Great day - how can you choose between so many excellent storytellers?”

“So encouraging to see such inspiring young talent.”

More comments on youngtongues.blogspot.com

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AWARD-WINNING YOUNG STORYTELLERS: WHAT ARE THEY DOING NEXT?

TOM BLAND

YOUNG STORYTELLER 2008

Since leaving Emerson College, where I was studying storytelling, I've started a master's course. I'm writing about storytelling as a healing art. I would very much like to hear from others working in this field.

I'm organising an evening of stories and poems at the Poetry Café in Covent Garden on 2 July. I will be performing the poetry of Adonis, alongside storytellers Bill Young, Nell Phoenix, and Rachel Rose Reid.

Email inward@email.com for further details.



RICHIE CROSSMAN

RUNNER-UP 2008

Taking the experience from the Young Storyteller of the Year competition, I did a solo 40 minute performance at my university called "Love in the Water" in which love and loss were explored through various stories, legends and myths. Having the chance to perform in front of an audience in the competition provided me with confidence as well as inspiration and I look forward to performing at Festival at the Edge on 20 July.



See festivalattheedge.org for details of the Young Storytellers' Concert at Festival at the Edge in Shropshire, when all the finalists from Young Storyteller 2008 will perform.

**Young Storyteller of the Year is a project
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