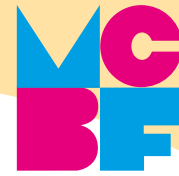




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Manchester
Children's
Book Festival

Manchester Children's Book Festival 2016

A festival to grow up with, inspiring future generations
of writers and artists.

Featuring: Philip Reeve and Sarah McIntyre's 'Pugs of
the Frozen North', Curtis Jobling's 'Max Helsing: Monster
Hunter', Michael de Souza and Rastamouse...
and much more!



FREE
Family Fun Day
on Saturday
25th June!

Creative Director: Carol Ann Duffy
Tickets available via www.mcbf.org.uk

FREE
#MCRTakeover
on Saturday
2nd July!

Welcome

to the 2016 Manchester Children's Book Festival

A Festival to Grow Up With...

I had an idea during the 2015 Manchester Children's Book Festival for a new poetry competition that would encourage adults and children to write together. I am delighted that, a year later, we will be launching our 2016 Festival with the prize-giving event for that competition. With the support of the Co-operative Charity Partnership, Poetry Together has attracted hundreds of submissions from across the globe and my fellow judges Gillian Clarke, Martin Kratz and I have been thrilled by the quality and variety of poems submitted, and captivated learning about the collaborations that created them. It has also been an honour that this project has supported the British Red Cross campaign to encourage intergenerational conversations and combat loneliness in our communities. Poetry is one of the major strengths of the Manchester Writing School here at Manchester Metropolitan University, and we are all pleased to see the impact it can have beyond the page on our Book Festival platform.

Poetry Together is the latest Laureate Education Project to be run and celebrated as part of the Festival. Two of our longer-running projects feature in this year's programme, too. Our main schools event continues our Let in the Stars of Poetry campaign to champion and provide platforms for new poetry written for children. We'll also be celebrating this year's multi-lingual Mother Tongue Other Tongue competition with support from the world's youngest ever Nobel Prize Winner, Malala Yousafzai.

Our main programme for 2016 is built around two big weekends. We will be inviting everyone to join us at Manchester Met for our traditional Family Fun Day on Saturday 25th June, for a packed programme of events and activities

aimed at families and readers from nursery age up to age 12.

Our headline guests are Philip Reeve and Sarah McIntyre – creators of our popular Sea Monkey mascots – who return with their latest book, *Pugs of the Frozen North*, and Michael da Souza and *Rastamouse*. This year we are also offering a free day for teens and young adults – our Generation Manchester Takeover at Central Library on Saturday 2nd July, headlined by festival patron Curtis Jobling. Young people who have been working with author Alex Wheatle and Wordsmith poets will also be there, presenting some of their work and other will be leading a panel discussion featuring Juno Dawson. We hope this will encourage those who attended Festivals in their younger years to stay with us as we become a Festival to grow up with.

As you may have seen from our extensive Trailblazer! events, and our work in schools, the Book Festival has become more than just two weeks of activity in the summer. Our outreach and schools' liaison teams offer a year-round programme of activities with special projects devised to enable the broadest possible audience to engage with literature and the arts. We remain passionately committed to providing children and young people with opportunities for creative expression. With the support of our wonderful sponsors and partners, we are delighted to be able to offer entry to most of this year's Festival events free of charge.

I hope you enjoy this year's Manchester Children's Book Festival.

Carol Ann Duffy
Creative Director:
Manchester Children's
Book Festival



Creative Director
Poet Laureate Dame Carol Ann Duffy CBE OBE

Festival Directors
James Draper and Kaye Tew

Get involved in 2016

Poetry Together Competition

Under the direction of Poet Laureate Carol Ann Duffy, Manchester Met and the Manchester Children's Book Festival are delighted to join forces with the Co-operative Charity Partnership with the British Red Cross to launch Poetry Together.

Poetry Together is a brand new cross-generational competition that invites children and young people to pair up with a parent, grandparent, carer, older sibling or friend, to share their ideas and create brand new poetry. The aim of the competition is to bring people together creatively, while also raising awareness of the great work that the British Red Cross do to help tackle loneliness so that they can help the most vulnerable people. Reconnecting generations and getting people talking; it's poetry in action!

The 2016 Poetry Together competition was judged by Gillian Clarke, Carol Ann Duffy and Martin Kratz. The shortlisted entrants will have their poems professionally designed as postcards and the overall winners will receive £500 in vouchers to share. They will also be awarded the Poetry Together trophy!

Funding for the Poetry Together competition came from the Co-operative Charity Partnership, with the British Red Cross, and we are proud to be part of their campaign to combat loneliness, which impacts people from all generations. To find out more, go to www.mcbf.org.uk/get-involved.



Reading, writing, drawing, making, dressing up

If you can't be there for our festival events, or if you simply can't wait, there are a number of ways that you can get involved and prepared before it starts.



Sign-up to our mailing list at: www.mcbf.org.uk, follow us on Twitter: @MCBFestival, and

join us on Facebook: Manchester Children's Book Festival.

Blog about it

Do you love reading? Do you have a passion for writing? Would you like your work published on the official Manchester Children's Book Festival blog? Go to www.mcbf.org.uk and click 'Blog'.

You can write book reviews of your favourite children's books or even send us an opinion piece (for example, what do you think about libraries, or your favourite authors?).

Send your blog to mcbf@mmu.ac.uk. The best pieces will be published on the MCBF blog throughout the year.

Pugs of the Frozen North



Pugs of the Frozen North is the headline event at our 2016 Festival Family Fun Day. Writer and illustrator Sarah McIntyre has created some brilliant activities to help everyone enjoy the book. For knitting patterns, drawing templates and activities for schools, visit Sarah's blog: www.jabberworks.co.uk/pugs-of-the-frozen-north. Share your creations with us on Twitter @MCBFestival and in our Facebook group. Get pugging for MCBF 2016!



Let in the Stars of Children's Poetry Campaign

We are on a mission and we want you to take up our challenge, honour the poetry that inspired you to read and write as a child, and help us to 'let in the stars' of children's poetry. There are all sorts of ways to get involved with our campaign to celebrate and champion new poetry written for children.

There are downloadable posters and other inspiring resources available on our website (go to www.mcbf.org.uk and click 'Get Involved', 'Let in the Stars...'). They suggest ways that you can 'Share', 'Adopt' and 'Create' poems – reading out loud together, voting to adopt your favourite poems and even using those poems to get ideas for creating new ones. You can display these in your school, library, bookshop or other public spaces.

We know that lots of organisations and individuals are doing fantastic work to support and promote poetry for and by children. The MCBF launch event hosted by Carol Ann Duffy on Thursday 16th June 2016 will be dedicated to showcasing the very best of this in an afternoon for schools of exhibitions, performances and workshops.

Let us know what you're doing – whether it's a project that you've run and you'd like to promote your organisation and what you offer, whether you've run a small school or class project (maybe you've got an anthology, or film or performance to share), or maybe you're just an individual who loves to share poetry with a young friend or relative. Get in touch today at mcbf@mmu.ac.uk; +44 (0)161 247 2424.

Readathon

Books and storytelling for children in hospital

We are delighted to be working with Readathon again this year and we'd love you and your school to get involved and help Readathon take books and storytellers to Manchester Children's Hospital.



There are two ways you can help.

1 Get your local school to run a Readathon sponsored read

What is Readathon?

In a nutshell: Kids in school reading to help kids in hospital. Readathon's sponsored read gets pupils reading for fun. The money raised provides children's hospitals with regular storyteller visits, plus a mobile bookcase jam-packed full of brand new books which are replenished every six weeks. Schools get free resources with everything needed to run a brilliantly successful sponsored read.



Read along with us

Manchester Children's Book Festival would love your school to sign up and take part in an MCBF Readathon. Complete your Readathon over the festival period asking pupils to choose how much they want to read and what they fancy reading, from comics to classics and get sponsored to do it. Simple! Sign up and win an author visit to your school. If just 15 Manchester schools take part in Readathon's easy-to-run sponsored read, it will help us to provide books and stories to Manchester Children's Hospital for a whole year. If your school signs up to Readathon by 31st May we will enter you into a prize draw to win a festival author visit to your school. So come on, Manchester schools, get involved now!



To sign up go to www.readathon.org/order stating 'MANCHESTER' as the reason for ordering to enter the prize draw.

Your kit will be sent out in early June so you have everything you need to complete your Readathon during the festival. The prize draw will take place on 15th July and the author visit will take place in the next academic year.

For more info please contact us at reading@readathon.org

2 Make a donation

If you are not a school but would like to support our work in hospitals, you can donate directly to Readathon's hospital programme. Visit www.readathon.org/donate or text STORY to 70300 to donate £3* instantly.



MCBF Trailblazers

The Manchester Children's Book Festival doesn't just happen over two weeks in the summer any more – we're out and about at events and venues across the city all year round with our TRAILBLAZER! Programme.

You may have been in our Storytelling Tent On Tour at Manchester Central Library's Saturday Spectaculars and Sunday Fundays, and met ace performers like Jennie Bailey, Dom Conlon, Noel Fagan, George Kirk and Jennie and Sarah May – and all of our friends from the Family Arts Network.

Festival patrons Curtis Jobling and Alex Wheatle have been wowing school groups with their amazing stories – and Alex also welcomed Chris Jam and Wordsmith for a special Manchester Centre for Youth Studies 'Youth in Crisis' day. We celebrated the power and passion of female friendships on Mothering Sunday with Eve Ainsworth and Holly Bourne at Home, took Poetry Together to Birley Fields, welcomed the Youth Libraries Group to Manchester with Juno Dawson and Lisa Williamson for LGBT History Month, and hosted a debate about the Carnegie and Kate Greenaway awards.

And there's still time to catch us at the Eureka Festival at Stanley Grove school, Manchester Histories Festival's Sunday Funday at Central library, at the Manchester Day Parade – and our special Festival Launch Day on 16th June.



Thursday 16th June

Festival Programme

Festival Launch Day

Let in the Stars of Children's Poetry: Schools Event

Join Poet Laureate Carol Ann Duffy, Mandy Coe and their guests poet Emma Pursehouse and for a celebration of everyone's favourite children's poetry. Full programme to be confirmed, but early booking advised.

Tickets for this event are offered at a special rate of £3, but places are limited and pre-booking is essential. Our admin team will invoice you for payment and you will be able to pay online or over the telephone.

A limited number of free tickets are available, funded by Greater Manchester Higher. If you think you are eligible for free tickets (i.e. you are from a school with a high proportion of children on free school meals, or you are struggling to meet the cost of tickets), please contact mcbf@mmu.ac.uk to apply.



Ages 8-18

1-3pm

MMU Geoffrey Manton Building

Tickets: £3.00 (Free for Concessions)

Book via www.mcbf.org.uk

Teacher Networking Event: Creative Learning Showcase

With the support of Greater Manchester Higher, Manchester Metropolitan University and the University of Manchester are delighted to present this opportunity for teachers of all age groups, from primary through to post-16, to join Poet Laureate Carol Ann Duffy, academics from both universities and representatives from many of our Festival cultural partners (see page 36).

Come along to find out more about how we can support teaching and learning across the curriculum over the coming year through workshops, inset sessions for teachers, competitions and projects.

There will also be a carousel of CPD taster sessions and attendees will be invited to stay with us for the invitation-only Manchester Children's Book Festival launch event (see below).



Carol Ann Duffy presents Poetry Together: the 2016 Festival Launch Event

Ahead of the start of our main programme, join Festival Director Carol Ann Duffy and her special guests for the official launch of the 2016 Manchester Children's Book Festival. There'll be refreshments, music, a special poetry show by Plymouth Grove Primary School – and we'll be announcing the winners of our Poetry Together National Laureate Education Project.



For adults (teachers and arts professionals)

4.30 - 6.30pm

MMU Geoffrey Manton Building

Tickets: Free

Book via www.mcbf.org.uk

All ages

6.30 - 8.30pm

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Festival family fun day

For ages 0-12 and families

Saturday 25th June

A full Saturday of free activities in the Geoffrey Manton Building at Manchester Metropolitan University's All Saints Campus (opposite the Commonwealth Aquatics Centre on Oxford Road). As well as story-telling, arts, crafts and workshops, there'll be a bustling market-place of stalls and exhibitions to browse and enjoy.



- ★ Fancy dress parade.
- ★ Meet the mascot from Royal Manchester Children's Hospital.
- ★ Let it snow in our snow-themed arts and crafts room!

★ Crafting activities with the team from the Ahmed Iqbal Ullah Race Relations Resource Centre and Education Trust.

- ★ Blackwell's pop-up bookshop on-site!
- ★ Puppet storytelling with Commonword.
- ★ Make your favourite children's book into a movie through the magic of green screen with the team from Home!

★ iPad filmmaking with IntoFilm: storyboard a short animation, build characters and sets, then shoot and edit your own film with iStopMotion!

★ Pug Welfare and Rescue Association - meet some real pugs and create pug bunting to support the charity.



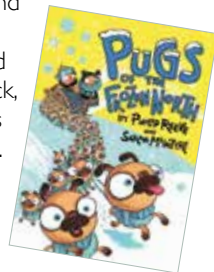
- ★ People's History Museum arts and crafts.
- ★ Manchester Libraries and Archives+ Roald Dahl summer reading challenge.

★ *The Wind in the Willows* and *The Gruffalo's Child* arts and crafts with The Lowry.

★ Manchester Met Business School *Eastern Roots, Western Branches* readings and quizzes.

★ Join the team from Manchester Museum and create Marvellous Moths inspired by the story of Manchester's peppered moth.

★ Peoplescape Theatre Labrynthine Experience: 3D, immersive, multisensory storytelling themed around *Pugs of the Frozen North*, created by storyteller and scriptwriter Emily Capstick, Manchester Met students and Peoplescape Theatre.



★ Pick up some windmills and stickers from the Play Factor stand - and enter their competition with a chance to win a Play Factor party for 12.

★ Royal Exchange Theatre workshops bring characters to life - plus get involved in character activities with their dressing up box!

★ Usborne Books - pop-up bookstore and activities!

★ AMR Events host the Readathon stand where you can follow the pug trail or sign-up for family yoga sessions.

★ Join Centre Point Dance Studio for 20-minute theatre sessions exploring the idea of 'The Story Teller', including text, movement and characterisation.

★ Gingers Comfort Emporium will be creating a bespoke, themed ice cream - your once in a lifetime opportunity to cool down with an MCBF ice cream!

★ Manchester Met Engage present hands-on science experiments, including CD hovercrafts, mini motors and disappearing cups!

★ Dress up and get snappy in the Manchester Met Futures photobooth.

★ Meet some Tudors from Ordsall Hall and join in with quick and fun mouse-themed activities with their mascot Oddie! Make a fingermouse, a badge and a bookmark!



★ Find out about bees with Manchester Friends of the Earth. Plant seeds and join in with bee crafts.



★ Manchester School of Art present their Peppered Moth and Olympic projects - gather stories, take photographs and act out the passing of the Olympic flame!

★ Schlunke and Polyp present Little Worm's Big Question for ages 3+ - and you can meet a six-foot-long model of the show's hero!

★ Make your own dogloo and dress up as a polar explorer with UK Antarctic Heritage - and visit the amazing polar tent!

★ *Into the West* creative arts activity - make your own warrior king crown and armour or fairy princess crowns and wands.



ENTRY TO THE FUN DAY IS FREE

- just drop in any time from 10.00am to 4.00pm. Some of the story-telling events and workshops have limited places, and some require purchase of a ticket - please see the individual listings on pages 12 to 15 for details and how to book to guarantee your seats. Drop-ins are welcome, but priority entry will be given to those who have pre-booked tickets.

Saturday 25th June

Family fun day

All ages

10.45am - 11.15am and
12.15 - 12.40pm

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Tickets: FREE

Places are limited and
priority entry will be
given to those who have
pre-booked their seats.

Michael de Souza: Rastamouse

Come along and join children's TV favourite Rastamouse as joins in with a wicked storytelling session with the creator and author of the *Rastamouse* stories Michael de Souza. Dress up just like Da Easy Crew and have an official photograph with Rastamouse for just £5 (10% will go towards Readathon) - it's gonna be irie!



Ages 3-9

2.15-2.55pm

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Tickets: FREE

Places are limited and
priority entry will be
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pre-booked their seats.

Masha and the Bear

An Invitation from the Kalina Balalaika Ensemble:

Meet our friends from Russia – the balalaika, the domra, and Little Masha, who forgot her grandparents' warning about the dangers lurking in the deep, dark forest...

Join us all and our magical music to find out what happened next...



Pugs of the Frozen North

The Race to the Top of the World! It comes around once in a lifetime, and the prize? Your heart's desire. Shen and Sika can't resist the chance to win, but competition is fierce. The path to victory is littered with snow trolls, sea monsters, and a gang of particularly hungry yetis. But Shen and Sika have something the other contestants don't have. Actually, they have 66 other things; pugs to be exact. That's a 264 paw-powered sled. Let the race begin!



Photo: Dannie Price



We are delighted to welcome Festival favourites Philip Reeve and Sarah McIntyre – creators of our popular sea monkey mascots – back to headline our 2016 festival and can't wait to find out more about this enchanting, beautifully illustrated story – and welcome the *Pugs of the Frozen North* to Manchester!

Incident Response Dog Display

Police-trained dogs will show off all their agility and obedience as they sniff out evidence, chase down 'criminals' and navigate their way around obstacles!

This 40-minute show includes demonstrations of obedience, agility, searches and criminal work.



Age 5+

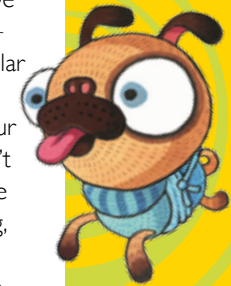
1.30 - 2.30pm

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Building ①

Tickets: FREE

Places are limited and
priority entry will be given
to those who have pre-
booked their seats.

Book via www.mcbf.org.uk



All ages

2.45pm - 3.25pm

MMU Grosvenor Square
(All Saints Park) ②

Tickets: FREE

Places are limited and
priority entry will be given
to those who have pre-
booked tickets.

Book via www.mcbf.org.uk

Saturday 25th June

Family fun day



Manchester Phoenix Fest

Mini-festival with artist-led events and workshops throughout the day. Book your £6 tickets to draw with Phoenix Comics stars

Laura Anderson, Neill Cameron, the Etherington Brothers and Adam Murphy!



Age 6 - 12

10.30 - 11.30am and 2.30 - 3.30pm

Geoffrey Manton Building ①

Tickets: £6 (adults accompanying children will need tickets for these events)

Book via www.mcbf.org.uk

The Etherington Brothers present: The Tick Tick BOOM Comic Show!

Over the course of 60 frantic laughter-filled minutes, The Etherington Brothers will share the secrets behind the creation of the popular Phoenix comic adventures, Long Gone Don and Von Doogan. Tips and tricks to making your own comics will materialise before your mystified eyes! Prepare yourselves for ANYTHING ... but most importantly, for having fun!



Age 6-12

11am - 12pm

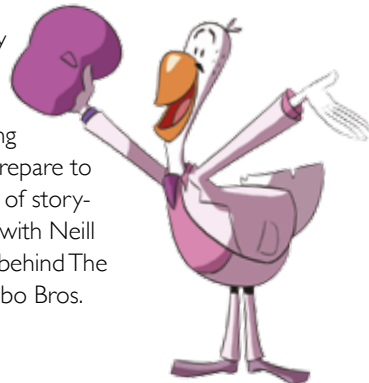
Geoffrey Manton Building ①

Tickets: £6 (accompanying adults go free)

Book via www.mcbf.org.uk

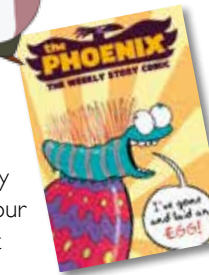
MEGA ROBO COMICS with Neill Cameron

WARNING! This workshop may contain explosions, lasers, blueprints for building robots and Mega Robo power ups. Bring your imaginations and prepare to be amazed by a world of story-creating possibilities with Neill Cameron, the man behind The Phoenix's Mega Robo Bros.



Gary Northfield's Hairy Tales

Fleas' knees and warthogs' chins, dancing frogs and cats that swim. Stuntman slugs and ninja ticks, warrior birds and mice that kick! Join Gary Northfield as he guides you through making your very own comics about the weirdest and most wonderful things! Be ready for some TOP TIPS from this master of all things hairy!



Age 6 - 12

11am - 12pm

Geoffrey Manton Building ①

Tickets: £6 (accompanying adults go free)

Book via www.mcbf.org.uk

Master Plans to Rule the World with Evil Emperor Penguin

Join the brilliant Laura Anderson to put your best-laid world domination plans in to action in your very own comic strip! Bring your wicked ideas and help Evil Emperor Penguin and the gang achieve (or not as the case be) WORLD DOMINATION! Dastardly plans are encouraged. Minions are most welcome... capes of evil are expected!



Age 6 - 12

12pm - 1pm

Geoffrey Manton Building ①

Tickets: £6 (accompanying adults go free)

Book via www.mcbf.org.uk

Corpse Talk Comic Consequences

Fun for the whole family! Bring the dead to life by joining the brilliant author and artist behind *Corpse Talk* to dig up the best facts about the historical greats. Prepare your imagination and watch your favourite characters unfold as Adam gives you some TOP TIPS in bringing your very own characters to life in this fun family event!



Age 6 - 12

12pm - 1pm

Geoffrey Manton Building ①

Tickets: £6 (adults accompanying children will need tickets for this event)

Book via www.mcbf.org.uk



All ages

11.00am - 12.30pm

Whitworth Art Gallery ④

Tickets: FREE
Booking not required
- just drop in

Letting in the Stars of Children's Poetry

With Mandy Coe, Dom Conlon, Matt Goodfellow and George Kirk

Join us at Manchester's iconic Whitworth Art Gallery for a morning of children's poetry with some very special guest performers. This event is part of our extended 'Let in the Stars' campaign to champion new poetry for children, and hosted at the Whitworth's WARP Festival, curated by the Whitworth Young Contemporaries youth arts collective.



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Ages 7+

2.30 - 3.30pm

Z-arts ⑤

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one free

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Into the West

By Travelling Light

She's my horse, she is! What's her name Grandpa?

She's called Tir na n'Og.

Why's she called that?

Because she came from the land under the sea. A place where it is always summer, and no-one grows old. Imagine a glorious white horse comes out of a sea-mist and into your troubled life. Imagine trying to keep her on the 14th floor of a Dublin tower block. Now imagine the police are after you, and your only escape is to ride into the west... To celebrate the play's 20th anniversary, Travelling Light are bringing to a new generation of audiences their internationally-acclaimed story of grit and magic, love and loss, hope and discovery.

*"Complex, vivid and moving...
a remarkable piece of theatre"*

The Guardian



Sunday 26th June

Royal Northern College of Music Family Day: Musical Tales

For their summer Family Day our neighbours the Royal Northern College of Music are delighted to be joining forces with Manchester Children's Book Festival to bring you a feast of music and stories for all ages. Join us for an interactive day of creative activities, talks from children's authors, storytelling, face-painting and live music that will have you tapping your feet all the way home.



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Age 4+

11am - 4pm

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Monday 27th June

Age 14 - 18

4pm - 6pm

Portico Library ⑥

Tickets: FREE but booking essential

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Spoken Word Workshop

Rebecca Tantony, a spoken word poet and workshop facilitator, offers the opportunity for participants to explore language in a fun, accessible and dynamic way.

Within the workshops students will be able to examine the origins of spoken word, will be shown examples of performance poetry style and led through the basic tools needed to write and perform poetry to an audience.

This event is brought to you by The Portico Sadie Massey Awards for Reading and Writing, which aims to promote a love of literature among young people.



Thursday 30th June

Mother Tongue Other Tongue Regional and National Final

The Mother Tongue Other Tongue Celebration Event will take place on Thursday 30th June 2016 at Manchester Metropolitan University. This poetry competition celebrates cultural diversity and the languages that children speak at home as well as the ones they learn in school. It is supported by the British Council and has been endorsed by Malala Yousafzai, the youngest Nobel Peace Prize winner; and well-known education activist. It is a national Laureate Education Project, led by the Poet Laureate Dame Carol Ann Duffy and was launched by British Boxer Amir Khan. The competition is co-ordinated by Routes into Languages.

At the celebration event there will be exciting cultural activities such as Arabic Dancing and Asian Drumming, some tasty food, and all the winners will be invited to perform their poems. We will also have some special guests to present the winners with their prizes!

There are two separate parts to the poetry competition. Children from Year 4 to Year 13 can enter one or both parts of the competition. The Mother Tongue part of the competition requires children who do not have English as a first language, or who speak a different language at home, to share a lullaby, poem or song from their Mother Tongue. They then write a short piece in English to explain the poem's significance to them. The Other Tongue part of the competition encourages children learning another language in school to use that language creatively to write a poem.

The closing date to enter the competition in the North West is 8th June 2016. For further details see: www.mmu.ac.uk/mothertongueothertongue.

Ages 13+

12.00 - 4.00pm

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MIGRATING PASSIONS

A new cross curricular project devised by MMU's Humanities, Languages & Social Science Schools' Liaison in association with the Manchester Children's Book Festival, which aims to celebrate cultural diversity by collecting stories about how Great Britain has been enriched by the traditions, skills and ideas that migrants have brought with them.

For further details about workshops and our new competition for school pupils, contact hisschools@mmu.ac.uk



Saturday 2nd July

Generation #MCRTakeover

Head down to Manchester Central Library and take over the building for a day of performances, open mic MC-ing, animation, poetry slamming, graphic novels, quizzes, indoor pool, live music and more.

Presented in partnership between the Manchester Children's Book Festival, Manchester Libraries and the Youth Libraries Group, with support from Greater Manchester Higher.

ENTRY TO TAKEOVER IS FREE – just drop in any time from 12.00-4.30pm. Some of the performances and sessions will have limited places, and some require purchase of a ticket – please see the individual listings on pages 22 to 23 for details and how to book to guarantee your seats. Drop-ins are welcome, but priority entry will be given to those who have pre-booked tickets.



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Wordsmith Open Mic with Chris Jam and Alex Wheatle

MCs Chris Jam and Alex Wheatle are joined by young poets for this very special Wordsmith showcase.

If you'd like to take the mic, please register your interest when booking and we'll include you if we can.

Part of Generation #MCRTakeover at Manchester Central Library.



Archives +



For teens, young adults and adults

12.00 - 1.00pm

Manchester Central Library ⑦

Tickets: **FREE** – Places are limited and priority entry will be given to those who have pre-booked their seats.

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Join three of today's hottest YA authors for a panel discussion on mental health.

Siobhan Curham

Winner of the Young Minds award for her novel, *Dear Dylan*, Siobhan is also a writing coach and was the ghost writer for vlogger extraordinaire, Zoella Suggs.

Juno Dawson

'We need to talk about mental health without shame.'
Juno Dawson

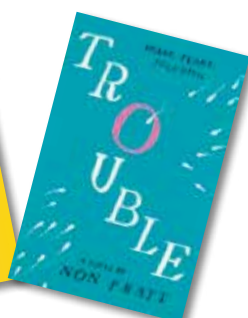
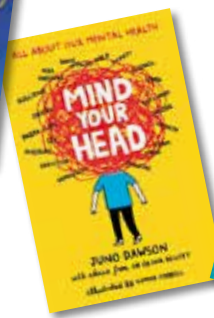
Winner of the Queen of Teen award, Juno is a best-selling author of both fact and fiction and is a columnist writing about transgendered issues with popular magazine *Glamour*.

Non Pratt

'Smart, engaging and hard to put down.'
The Guardian

Non's debut *Trouble* was published to great critical acclaim. She is in demand across the UK as a speaker and workshops leader. In addition to writing, Non has also been a book editor with Usborne.

Hosted by Manchester Met Senior Lecturer in English Ginette Carpenter as part of Generation #MCRTakeover at Manchester Central Library.



Curtis Jobling: Max Helsing: Monster Hunter

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Danny Weston is the pen-name for author Philip Caveney, author of the international bestselling Sebastian Darke series. Philip has written two YA novels under the pen-name Danny Weston: *The Piper*, set during the Second World War and following the story of Peter and his younger sister Daisy and the unearthly music the pair hear... Danny's second novel is the darkly comedic *Mr Sparks*. Based in Llandudno during the Great War, there is much suspicion.

Sally Green is the author of the international bestselling *Half Bad* trilogy of books. These were first published in 2014 to great excitement and have been winning over a legion of loyal fans ever since. The film rights to Sally's books were sold and a film is currently being developed by Fox 2000.



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- JUNE 21 JAFFÉ & NEALE, St Mary's Church, Chipping Norton
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- JUNE 23 BOOK-ISH, Clarence Hall, Crickhowell
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The Manchester Children's Book Festival doesn't just happen over two weeks in the summer any more – we now offer a year-round programme of events and activities, presented by the team here at Manchester Metropolitan University and our friends from partner venues and festivals across the city (and sometimes beyond!).

For starters, Z-arts are hosting a Bear Hunt, Chocolate Cake and Bad Things Fun Day on 9th July, to give a sneak preview and get everyone excited about a fantastic interactive

experience coming later in the year – you can visit the centre and learn all about Michael Rosen's fabulous stories and poems through creative arts activities for all the family.

For full details of what's coming up, visit www.mcbf.org.uk, follow us on Twitter @MCBFestival, or 'Like' us on Facebook – search for 'Manchester Children's Book Festival'. We'd love to hear from you, so get in touch, let us know what you think and join in the conversation.



Schools' Programme

We passionately believe that creativity should be at the heart of every child's education and are committed to ensuring that as many children and young people as possible, from across Greater Manchester and beyond, can take part in the Manchester Children's Book Festival.



As well as making as many of our core events as possible free to attend, we also take the Festival out into schools via a rolling programme of author visits, projects, competitions and events. See our Get Involved section (pages 2 to 3) for details of competitions and links to resources for teachers and parents to download. Risk assessments and other supporting documents for school visits to Festival events are available on request.



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To the best of our knowledge, all information given in this brochure was correct at the time of going to press but all details may be subject to change. Please visit www.mcbf.org.uk for up-to-date information.

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Where possible, a selection of books by participating authors will be available to purchase at relevant events, and many of the authors will be happy to sign copies afterwards.

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Age Restrictions

Children aged under 16 attending any aspect of the Manchester Children's Book Festival must be accompanied by an adult at all times. Babies in arms aged two years and under are permitted to attend for free provided that they remain on an adult's knee through the performance. Manchester Metropolitan University adheres to Health and Safety regulations, but cannot be held responsible for any child left alone on its premises or at Festival events held at outside (non-MMU) venues.

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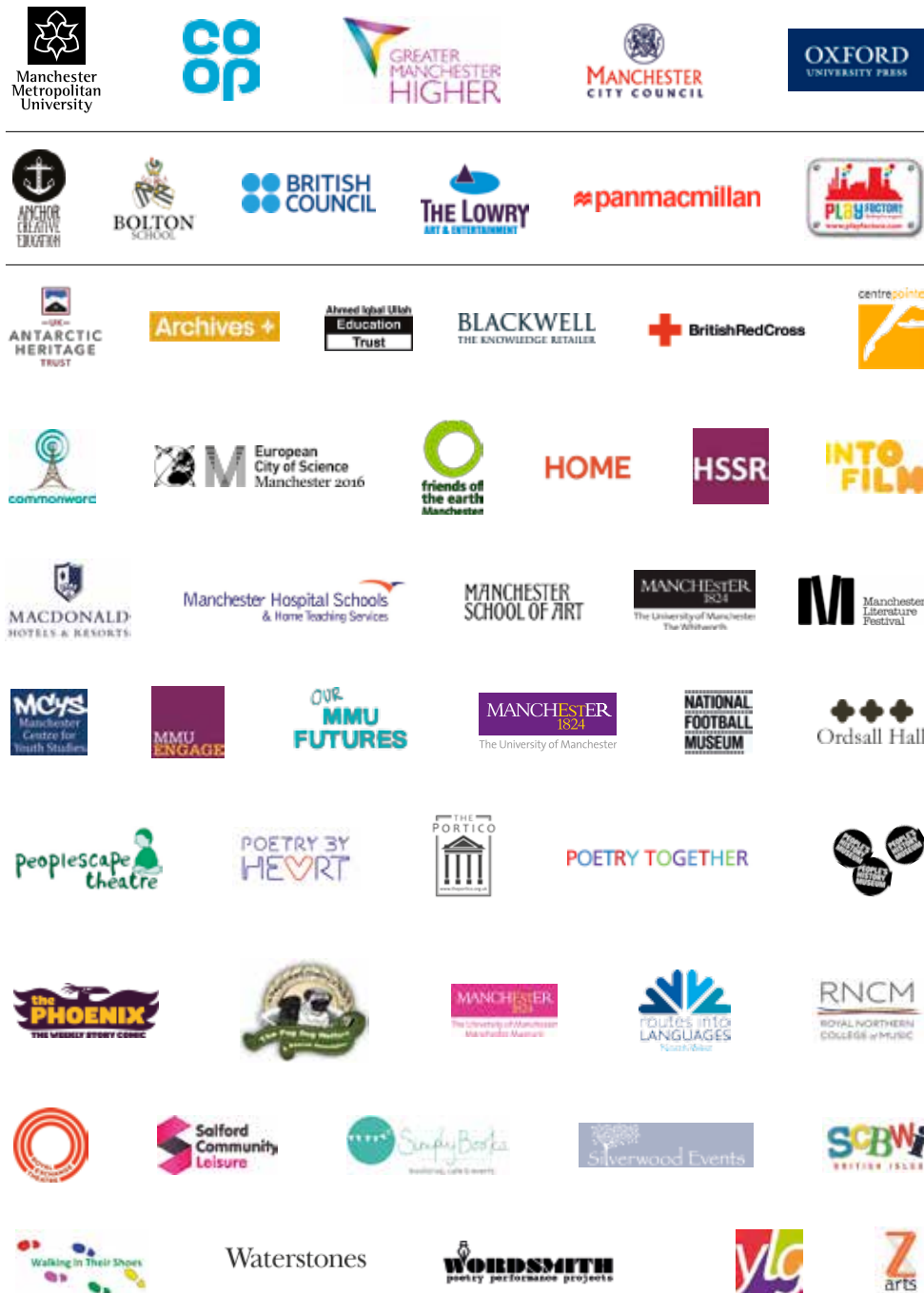
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