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CLPE Confirms Judging Line Up for CLiPPA 2019

The Centre for Literacy in Primary Education (CLPE) is delighted to announce their judging panel for the 2019 Centre for Literacy in Primary Poetry Award (CLiPPA). Run in partnership with ALCS, CLiPPA is now in its sixteenth year, and the only award in the UK to recognise and celebrate poetry published for children.

Hip hop artist **Karl Nova**, who won CLiPPA 2018 for his first published collection, *Rhythm and Poetry*, will be joined by **Susannah Herbert**, director of Forward Arts Foundation and National Poetry Day, and **Ruth Awolola**, whose poems were included in the *Rising Stars: New Young Voices in Poetry* collection, which was highly commended at CLiPPA 2018. **Charlotte Hacking**, Programme Leader for the CLPE, will also be on the panel. The panel will be chaired by the multi-award-winning author, performer and poet, **A.F. Harrold**.

“I am always in awe of the work CLPE do championing great books and supporting inspiring teachers, and so it was a real honour and privilege to be asked to be part of this panel,” Harrold says. “My fellow judges and I are looking forward to arguing in creative and passionate ways over the things that have made us sit up, heads ablaze, and we can’t wait to whittle our way to a winner.”

“Receiving the award was such a surprise last year and it felt amazing,” added Karl Nova. “I can’t wait to see that excitement and share in the joy of this year’s winner!”

The CLPE is the National Poetry Centre for Primary Schools, upholding the belief that poetry is an essential element when it comes to children developing their literacy skills both within the classroom and at home. The CLPE champions poetry for toddlers to teens via their online resource, Poetryline, a free website of resources including teaching materials, videos, practice examples and hundreds of poems to inspire and enthuse budding poets. The CLPE also runs a shadowing scheme which last year involved more than 5000 children in the award.

The closing date for submissions for the 2019 CLiPPA award is 31st January, with the shortlist confirmed in March. A ceremony, where the 2019 winner will be announced, will be held at in summer 2019.

For more information about CLiPPA or to speak to one of the judges about the award, please contact Catherine Alport (hello@catherinealportpr.co.uk/ 07843804083)

For more information about the submission process for the award, please contact Charlotte Hacking (charlotte@clpe.org.uk) or Ann Lazim (ann@clpe.org.uk)

Notes for Editors:

About The Centre for Literacy in Primary Education:

The Centre for Literacy in Primary Education (CLPE) is an independent UK charity dedicated to raising the literacy achievement of children by putting quality children’s literature at the heart of all learning. It is a charity with a national and international reputation for excellent literacy training and resources. Visit www.clpe.org.uk for further information or follow CLPE on Twitter @clpe1.

About ALCS:

ALCS provide a unique service for all types of author. ALCS collect money for authors that can't be administered on an individual basis, from all over the world, from a wide variety of sources and pay it to them. ALCS campaign for the rights of authors' and provide a collective voice for the wide variety of individuals that make up their membership. They educate about the principles of copyright and intellectual property and their importance to authors to the general public. ALCS currently has over 100,000 writer members and, since its inception in 1977, has paid over £500million to the nation's writers. www.alcs.co.uk

About the 2019 CLiPPA Judges:

A.F. Harrold:

A.F. Harrold is an English poet who writes and performs for adults and children. He is the owner of many books, a handful of hats, a few good ideas and one beard. He spends his time showing off on stage, writing poems and books, and stroking his beard (it helps churn the ideas). He lives in Reading with a stand-up comedian and two cats. For more information on A.F.: <http://www.afharroldkids.com/> and on Twitter @afharrold

Karl Nova:

Karl Nova is a Hip Hop artist, author and poet. He is the winner of CLiPPA 2018 for *Rhythm and Poetry*, his first published collection. Born and raised in London as well as Lagos, Karl is a social commentator, creative writing workshop facilitator, broadcaster and cultural critic who creates platforms for other artists as he seeks to uplift, inform and inspire through this artistic expression. Apart from being a wordsmith and energetic live performer, Karl Nova is an avid beatmaker and he released a compilation of electronic music that he created on his phone called "Made 'Em On My Phone". For more information on Karl: <https://karlnovaworld.wordpress.com> and on Twitter @KarlNova

Susannah Herbert:

Susannah Herbert is the Executive Director of the Forward Arts Foundation and National Poetry Day. She joined the charity in 2012, after helping launch the Evening Standard's Get London Reading campaign. She is the former editor of the Sunday Times books pages and a national newspaper journalist for 20 years. For more information on Susannah, National Poetry Day and the Forward Arts Foundation: www.forwardartsfoundation.org www.nationalpoetryday.co.uk and on Twitter @susannahherbert @PoetryDayUK

Ruth Awolola:

Ruth Awolola is a student, youth worker and poet currently based in south-east London. She was born in 1998 and has been writing since 2015, when she was a winner of the SLAMBassadors UK national youth slam. She is studying English Literature and Education, with the intention of becoming a full-time educator. She is one of 5 poets who is included in *Rising Stars: New Young Voices in Poetry* which is highly commended at the CLiPPA 2018. For more information about Ruth follow her on Twitter: [@r_awolola](https://twitter.com/r_awolola)

Charlotte Hacking:

Charlotte is an experienced primary school teacher and leader who has worked across the primary school age range. She has written articles for Teach Primary, English 4-11 and The Guardian. Charlotte led and developed the CLPE's Power of Poetry project, designed to highlight the importance of poetry as a vehicle for improving children's engagement in and enjoyment of reading and creative writing in schools. For more information about Charlotte follow her on Twitter: @charliehacking