

New Audiences Fund Summaries

Band A – up to £2,500

Lysh

Lysh magazine will launch a writing competition to welcome people of colour as new contributors and will also invite emerging young voices to develop their current affairs video content.

Mymuna Soleman

Mymuna is a Somali-Welsh creative who is passionate about all things pertaining to equality, equity, diversity and inclusion, and she best expresses herself and her lived experiences through the Spoken Word. She is the founder of the Privilege Café, and through this project she aims to develop her writing skills and create a safe space for women of colour to write, grow and thrive in the Creative Arts sector.

Pontio/Cymdeithas Affrica Gogledd Cymru

Writer Casia Wiliam and artist Jac Jones will work with families from the North Wales Africa Society, alongside sessions to be held with Welsh and African storytellers and musicians, to create a children's book which families will then receive as a gift to keep and enjoy at home together.

Band B – £2,501 to £15,000

Atebol

The aim of Atebol's project is to strengthen and increase diversity in Welsh publishing in writing for adults. With this funding they will employ an editor to establish a publishing programme with an emphasis on developing authors from diverse backgrounds.

Broken Sleep Books

Broken Sleep Books will establish an annual 3-day literary festival in Talgarreg, welcoming authors with differences in class, race, sexuality and disability to read, present and interact with attendees.

Graffeg

Graffeg's proposal for a digital magazine facilitating access to publishing aims to address the under-representation of disability in literature and overcome barriers to working as a disabled writer or illustrator.

Hanin Abou Salem

Hanin Abou Salem will develop the creative skills of 10 refugees in Wales through a targeted writing programme that will develop and prepare their literary outputs for publication.

Honno

Honno will support two women from African or Asian backgrounds to create a non-fiction anthology of the experiences of women and girls from those backgrounds, of living in Wales.

Inclusive Journalism Cymru

Inclusive Journalism Cymru is a network that will establish a workshop series to make writing a realistic career path for people who face barriers in the publishing industry.

Just Another Poet

Taz Rahman aims to improve interest in literature and poetry from Wales among young and diverse audiences through his YouTube channel, *Just Another Poet*. With the funding, Taz will widen the scope of programming, and introducing additional segments focusing on emerging literary talent in Wales as well as highlighting the importance of bookshops and libraries to the literary culture. Taz will utilise the grant to target new and diverse mobile device audiences in Wales, to broaden the scope of interest in poetry and literature as well as increase the visibility of Welsh writers.

Modron/Kristian Evans

Modron will be the first Welsh literary magazine on the climate crisis. It will run as an online magazine and aims to establish an editor from an ethnically diverse background.

Band C – £15,001 to £40,00

Lucent Dreaming

Lucent Dreaming will be Wales's first funded book and magazine publisher led by and employing two full-time editors of colour. It aims to platform new and emerging writers and foster new editors and publishing professionals from under-represented backgrounds in Wales.

Lumin Press

LUMIN Press will continue and expand their work developing a publishing practice that prioritises collaboration, friendship and long-term equitable support when working with writers and artists of colour. LUMIN is concerned with care, cooperation and ways of working beyond structural barriers.