

THE ORWELL YOUTH PRIZE 2024

# HOME

**'And above all, it is your civilisation, it is you.'**

– George Orwell, *England Your England*



**WRITE IN RESPONSE TO: HOME  
AND GET FEEDBACK ON YOUR WORK**

Journalism, essays, short stories, poems, plays and game designs are all welcome. How you respond to this year's theme is your choice.

**FINAL DEADLINE: 6TH MAY 2024**

**FEEDBACK DEADLINE: 1ST APRIL 2024**

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This year's Orwell Youth Prize aims to encourage young people to think critically and creatively about what home means to them. Throughout George Orwell's novels, essays and non-fiction, the idea of home recurs – whether it be a place from childhood in *Coming Up For Air*; a country and sense of patriotism in *England Your England*; what it means to be without a home or to struggle for a home in *Down and Out in Paris and London*; the very idea of home being threatened by surveillance, in *Nineteen Eighty-Four*; or our home in the natural world in *Some Thoughts on the Common Toad*.

Today, our idea of home seems under pressure from many angles, from the cost-of-living crisis and the housing crisis to the plight of refugees and the climate crisis. What happens when our sense of a safe and secure home comes under threat? What does home mean in an ever-moving world? And how can we make our homes the places we want them to be – be this a household, town, city, country, or the world?



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### **ABOUT THE ORWELL YOUTH PRIZE PROGRAMME**

The Orwell Youth Prize is a major platform for young voices. Our winners have gone on to read on BBC Radio 4's Today programme, and been quoted in parliament. The Prize is free to enter and we offer individual feedback on a first draft to all entrants, from our team of expert volunteer readers. Through our Youth Fellows programme, we encourage young writers to act as ambassadors for other entrants, while all our work is rooted in our understanding of educational inequality in the UK. On our website you will find online resources and guidance for individual entrants and teachers, from choosing a form to responding to feedback. Look out for new resources throughout the year.

We are inviting entrants in secondary school years 7 – 13 to submit writing in response to this year's theme of HOME by the deadline of 6th May 2024 (feedback deadline 1st April). Entrants can submit writing in any form, from poetry, stories and journalism to scripts and game design.

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