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Norfolk folk tales come alive in schools across the county

Norfolk folk tales and ballads are being brought to life by young people in schools across the county as part of a new Young Norfolk Creative Writing Roadshow.

The Roadshow, organised by Writers' Centre Norwich in collaboration with Young Norfolk Arts Trust with support from the Festival of Literature for Young People, will reach almost 1,000 in schools across Norfolk between January and June, culminating in an event for a further 750 students at the Children's Book Festival in Norwich on 4 July.

The aim of the workshops is to engage young people aged 10 -13 years in creative writing and oral storytelling through local folktales which allow them to reflect on their own homes and surroundings. They are led by established local writers Molly Naylor, Shey Hargreaves and Sara Helen Binnie.

The first phase of the roadshow took place in January at Edward Worledge Primary School, Cliff Park Ormiston Academy, Hopton CE Primary School and Stradbroke Primary Academy in Great Yarmouth. The next stop is Wells-next-the-Sea, followed by King's Lynn and Thetford.

Afterwards, each school will receive an audiobook version of their students' work.

Sophie Scott-Brown, Programme Manager at WCN, said: 'We are delighted to be working with Young Norfolk Arts Trust in offering this unique and exciting series of workshops and are looking forward to discovering all that untapped creativity right across the county!'

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Notes to Editors:

1. Press enquiries to: Andrew Burton, Director of Communications, Writers' Centre Norwich at andrew.burton@writerscentrenorwich.org.uk or 01603 877177
2. Participating schools in Wells-next-the-Sea: All Saints CEVA Primary School, Litcham School, Walsingham Primary School (with Blakeney CE VA Primary School, Hindringham Primary School, Kelling Primary), Blenheim Park School. King's Lynn: Greyfriars Primary School, Burnham Market Primary, St Germans Primary School. Thetford: Bishop's CE Primary Academy, Rocklands Primary School, Attleborough Academy, Great Ellingham Primary School.
3. Writers' Centre Norwich's mission is to put literature at the heart of contemporary culture. Through pioneering and collaborative projects it explores the artistic and social power of creative writing and literary translation. www.writerscentrenorwich.org.uk
4. Young Norfolk Arts Trust celebrates and supports the creativity of all young people in Norfolk, throughout the year, and during the Young Norfolk Arts Festival – which this year takes place 30 June to 9 July. www.ynaf.org.uk
5. This event is supported by Arts Council England and the Festival of Literature for Young People.