



WRITIVISM TO ENGAGE READERS AND WRITERS ACROSS GENERATIONS IN 2015

Writivism, a flagship project of Center for African Cultural Excellence Africa (CACE Africa), is excited to announce their plans for 2015.

We shall have workshops in January in five cities: Gaborone (2nd-4th Jan), Lagos (16th-18th Jan), Johannesburg (23rd-25th Jan), Dar es Salaam (23rd-25th Jan) and Kampala (28th-31st Jan). They will be facilitated by established writers in these cities: Lauri Kubuitsile and Donald Molosi in Gaborone; Dami Ajayi, Ukamaka Olisakwe and Richard Ali in Lagos; Zukiswa Wanner and Anne Ayeta Wangusa in Dar es Salaam; Yewande Omotoso and Saleeha Bamjee in Johannesburg; and Dilman Dila and Nyana Kakoma in Kampala.

The workshops will be used to identify promising and emerging writers who will then be paired with an established African writer in our mentorship program. Some of the mentors for this year include Okey Ndibe, Jennifer Nansubuga Makumbi, Chibundo Onuzo, Tuelo Gabonewe, Okwiri Oduor, Rotimi Babatunde, Linda Musita, Chinelo Okparanta, Meg Vandermerwe, Emmanuel Iduma and Clifton Gachugua. Check the Writivism blog for the exciting list of all 32 mentors: <http://writivism.wordpress.com/2014/10/30/2015-writivism-mentors/>

The mentorship program is particularly popular. A past mentee recently said about their mentor, "She plucked away that pride a young writer feels about their work, crossed all those beautiful sentences I thought made my stories cool. She was patient and always responded to my emails." They are still in contact.

This year will also mark the beginning of our partnership with [Jalada Africa](#), a pan-African collective. With Jalada, we have facilitators Richard Ali and Nyana Kakoma for the January workshops. We shall also be publishing an annual Writivism-Jalada anthology that will compile the best of the flash fiction from the programme, and a few short stories from the 2014 longlist.

We shall start accepting submissions for the Writivism Short Story Prize on February 1st. The panel of judges for this year's prize will be chaired by Chika Unigwe. The judges include Mukoma wa Ngugi, Ainehi Egoro, Tendai Huchu and Rachel Zadok.

And the winner will be announced at the Writivism Festival which will be held in Kampala. This year's festival theme will be *Engaging the Makerere Literary Tradition: Conversations across generations of African writers*. There will be keynote addresses on the theme, panel discussions, conversations on sub-themes related to the over-arching theme. There will also be masterclasses, a stage play and book launches.

Bwesigye bwa Mwesigire, CACE co-founder, says "The 2015 program is exciting at many levels. We have three Caine Prize winners, Tope Folarin, Okwiri Oduor and Rotimi Babatunde as mentors, and will, during our annual festival make connections across generations of African writers, from the Ngugi wa Thiong'o generation to NoViolet Bulawayo's. These conversations will also engage a cross-section of readers of African Literature. Indeed, it's the best time to be a reader of African Literature."

For more information on these activities, please contact the Writivism Team on info@writivism.com. The Writivism website is <http://writivism.com/>.

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2015 WRITIVISM SEASON IMPORTANT DATES

Workshops (January 2015)

- Gaborone Workshop (2nd-4th January)
- Lagos Workshop (16th-18th January)
- Johannesburg and Dar es Salaam Workshops (23rd -25th January)
- Kampala Workshop (28th - 31st January)

Schools Pre-Texts Registration (January - March)

Mentoring (February - May)

Pre-Texts Students' Training (May - June)

Newspaper and online publication of flash fiction (Year-round - starts March)

Anthology publication (April and June)

Short Story Prize Submission window (1 February - 30 April)

Announcement of Short Story Prize Longlist, Shortlist and Winners (May - June)

Festival (17-21 June)

- PreTexts Workshop for Teachers
- Writers' School Tours
- The Makerere Literary Tradition Key note addresses and Conversations
- Masterclasses
- Pre-Texts schools contest
- Book Launches
- Announcement of Short Story Prize Winner
- Stage play and music concert

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