

Poetry CPD Sessions June 15th 10am and 1.30pm The Byre Theatre, St.Andrews

With St.Andrews being named a Winning Words Beacon town for the year 2012, The Byre Theatre is running two CPD sessions with a top poet this June.

Ryan Van Winkle, Poet in Residence at Edinburgh City Libraries, will be running two training sessions for primary and secondary teachers, focusing on how to bring poetry into the classroom via the Olympic Games and Sport.

We are offering Fife teachers a place on one of two workshops on June 15th, each lasting 90 minutes.

Primary School: 10.30am Secondary School: 1.30pm

Taking part in a session costs just £10 and includes tea and coffee.

To book a place on the Winning Words CPD session later this month (June 15th), please contact Chloe Milne at The Byre Theatre: 01334 468731 or chloe.milne@byretheatre.com

More information on Winning Words and the Beacon Town:

Winning Words is an inspire marked poetry project set up by Forward Arts Foundation and with support from ACE to link inspiring poetry to sporting excellence both leading up to and during the Olympic Games. You can find out more about the project at www.winningwordspoetry.com

As part of this project, Winning Words have created an online poetry making tool, The Generator, to give students and teachers a new way of working with words and learning about poetic genres in the classroom.

The Generator can be found at http://generator.winningwordspoetry.com/
These two CPD sessions will help train teachers on how to use the Generator in the classroom, and also investigate ways in which teachers in Fife can develop poetry in the classroom, using the Olympics and sport.

Later in the year, St.Andrews, Beacon Town will be launching a Fife wide poetry competition for school pupils, as part of our exciting year of poetry. In August we'll also host a master class for schools groups, with Kevin Cadwallender, performance poet at the Byre Theatre. This workshop will be live streamed through GLOW, and will encourage pupils to get excited about poetry.

Kevin is the Byre Theatre's Poet in Residence for St Andrews, Creative Place 2012.

The Winning Words Poem submissions deadline will be the 31st August, and the judging panel will include Kevin, Eleanor Livingstone (Stanza International Festival), John Burnside (St Andrews University School of English) and Jacqueline McKay (The Byre Theatre).

In Response to the winning child's poem, we will also invite artists to make proposals for the creation of an art installation, one of which will then be launched and displayed as part of an exhibition in October/November.