



‘Creative writing merges intelligence with the heart, enables us to communicate with others, helps us grow in confidence, self-awareness and self-esteem.’

David Almond, Paper Nations Chief Ambassador

About Paper Nations

Paper Nations is a partnership initiative located in TRACE at Bath Spa University. The Paper Nations’ 2016-18 programme is supported by an Arts Council England (ACE) Creative Writing in Schools grant and aims to investigate good practice and barriers to writing support for young people. The 2016-18 programme involves five key partnership projects between Bath Spa University’s Creative Writing Faculty and Institute for Education, Bath Festivals, the National Association of Writers in Education, Poetry Can, StoryHive and a thriving community of local schools and arts organisations.

Paper Nations 2016-18

Vision

We envisage a future in which everyone, including young people and their families and friends, can access regular, high quality support to enjoy and develop a talent for the art of writing.

Need

Writing is a core part of our culture. The ability to write well boosts our capacity to engage with life, learning, work and friends. But, whilst there are many great examples of excellent support for young writers across the UK, access is unevenly distributed. Many young people do not get the help that they need to flourish and develop their talents.

Mission

Through a programme of creative investigation and dialogue, we will create and share resources that help to sustain, expand and celebrate the culture of support for writing so that more young people can develop their writing talent.



Supported using public funding by
**ARTS COUNCIL
ENGLAND**

nawe

national association of
writers in education

**BATH
FESTIVALS**

**BATH
SPA
UNIVERSITY**