



All In! Young Writers Festival 2017

YOUTHspeak: The Future of Writing

Paper Presentation Guidelines

YOUTHspeak features representative-students from partner-schools who will present pre-selected papers on a variety of topics approved by their mentors. Each selected paper is allocated 5-10 minutes for presentation, followed by a round table Q&A of approximately 10 minutes. The session supports the use of PowerPoint presentations.

The essay shall be 800-1,000 words long, typed with 1.5 space on normal margin using either Arial, Calibri or Times New Roman on point 11 or 12, in English, and will be based on either of the following topics:

- What Makes Me Who I Am
- Youth, Society and Definitions of Humanity
- How Do I Look Like Online
- Altruism and the Youth: Reality or Social Fad
- What Lies for Young People in the Future
- Tweets and Posts: Making a Difference
- Positively Managing Anger and Growth Pangs
- Youth 3.0: The Future I Build Today
- Writing and Self-Expression: Going Beyond the Paper
- Shifting Paradigms: Involvement in Social Issues Through Expression
- Listen To Me: What the Youth Wants to Tell the World
- Building Future Networks: The Online Friends That I Have
- Social Media: The Good, The Bad, and The Ugly
- Today vs Tomorrow: What's More Important to Me?
- YOLO: Really?

Prior to submission, the essays shall be vetted internally by each partner-school, which shall choose five (5) potential candidates to represent it in the session. Submissions will be in .doc, .docx and .pdf formats only, and sent via email to the Festival Manager on or before **16 January 2017**.

CRITERIA FOR SELECTION

The Festival organisers will then choose from this roster, the paper for presentation based on the following criteria:

1. **Technical Soundness**, which refers to grammatical correctness, sentence fluency, and adherence to word count; and,

2. **Structure and Format**, which refers to coherence of ideas presented, organisation, voice and tone, word choice, arguments presented and the reasoning behind such arguments.

The Festival organisers will then inform the school-partners which selected paper will be presented in the session on or before **20 February 2017**. However, all five papers selected by the school-partners will be included in the compilation of essays that will be electronically made available on the Festival website afterwards.

SLIDE PRESENTATION GUIDELINES For Selected Paper Presentations

- Select only the key points of your presentation. Use lesser text.
- Avoid using images with 200dpi and above as it restricts the file from processing faster.
- Use a standard font and a relatively large point size so that your text is readable to those seated at the back.
- Keep text and visual animation at a minimum.
- As a rule of thumb, the number of slides in your presentation should be less than the presentation time allowed e.g., 10 slides for a 15 minute presentation allows you to speak for 1.5 minutes.
- Send all PowerPoint presentations to Festival organisers on or before **6 March 2017**. Bring a paper copy of your Presentation with you to the Conference as well as the Power Point file in a thumb drive just in case.

File Extensions: If your Mac version of Office does not append the file extension, be sure to include it in your filename. Use .ppt or .pptx for PowerPoint files and .pps for PowerPoint slideshows.

Equipment set up: Each room will be equipped with a standard audio-visual package to support an electronic presentation (laptop, data projector, screen, and microphone). If you are using a Mac, please bring your own VGA adapter.