



The Voice of Women in Wales
Llais Menywod yng Nghymru

Wales Women's National Coalition
Clymblaid Genedlaethol Menywod Cymru

Wales Women's National Coalition invites you to participate in our International Women's Day event for 2010. We will be publishing a short anthology of poetry and creative prose in celebration of women under the title of 'The Voice of Women in Wales'.

An esteemed panel of judges will select entries to be included in the anthology, which will be published in March 2010.

On the panel are;

- Shelagh Weeks
- Jeni Williams
- Jo Verity
- Sarah Edmonds
- Menna Elfyn

Entries in English and Welsh are welcome.

* See page 2 for more information on our panel.

This is an excellent opportunity for entrants to engage in public expression and to see their work in print.

Entrants must be:

- Women From Wales or currently living in Wales
- 16-116 years of age

Creative prose should be no longer than 750 words, and poetry should be no longer than 30 lines.

The deadline for entries is 25/01/10.

We would prefer to receive your entries via e-mail on llinos-merriman@wwnc.org.uk. Alternatively, copies can be sent to Wales Women's National Coalition, Anchor Court, Keen Road, Cardiff, CF24 5JW. If you have any queries, please contact us on 02920 478919.

Judging will take place in January 2010, all entrants will be notified.

We look forward to receiving your entries!

The Panel

Shelagh Weeks

Shelagh is a lecturer in Creative Writing at Cardiff University. In 2008 she won the Cinnamon Press Writing Award and has recently published her first novel with them, entitled *Up Close*.

Jeni Williams

Jeni Williams is a senior lecturer in Literature and Creative Writing at Trinity University College, Carmarthen, with a particular interest in the Anglophone literature of Wales. In 2008 she was contributing editor of *Fragments from the Dark* (Hafan), an anthology of women's writing about home and self in Wales. She regularly publishes poetry and her first poetry collection, *Being the Famous Ones* (Parthian), was published in October 2009.

Jo Verity

Jo Verity won the Richard and Judy Short Story Prize Competition in 2003. She also won the *Western Mail's* short story competition in 2004. Her published works include *Everything in the Garden* (2005), *Bells* (2007) and, most recently, *Sweets from Morocco* (2009) – all published by Honno.

Sarah Edmonds

Sarah is our representative from Leaf Books, which publishes short fiction, micro-fiction and poetry by new and established authors.

Menna Elfyn

Menna Elfyn is Director of the Masters Programme in Creative Writing at Trinity University and is Literary Fellow at Swansea University. Menna is an award-winning poet and playwright and is the best known and most translated of all modern Welsh-language poets. As an author of poetry, children's novels and educational books, stage, radio and television plays, she is placed among Europe's leading poets. Menna received a Creative Arts Award in 2008 to write a book on 'Sleep'. In April 2010, '*Sunflowers in your Eyes*', an anthology of four Zimbabwean women poets edited by Menna will be published by Cinnamon Press. She was recently awarded the International Anima Istranza Foreign Prize for Poetry in Sardinia.