

# Enter our writing competition: three prizes to be won!

## *A letter to yourself, one year ago*

*Complex, strange, unprecedented, the year 2020 has certainly come at us with an unforgettable force. As it finally draws to a close, what has it all meant? As our lives are unique stories, there are as many answers to this question as there are people in the world.*

*Great challenges have brought great lessons and we have changed and experienced things that we could not have imagined only a year ago. In many ways we are now different people.*

*What, then, would you like to say to yourself a year ago? How would you prepare and encourage yourself to face the deluge of surprises? What have you discovered - about the world and yourself - that you did not know then? What have you found to really matter, and what now seems trivial?*

*What if you could put all this in a letter and send it, back through time, to yourself at the end of 2019?*

Open Age is inviting you to write this letter to yourself in **500 words**

### **Terms & Conditions of Entry:**

- One entry per person
- Your entry must not exceed 500 words
- Entries to be sent by **email** to [artsandculturebookings@openage.org.uk](mailto:artsandculturebookings@openage.org.uk) or by **post** to: Writing Competition, Open Age, Second Half Centre, St Charles Centre for Health & Wellbeing, Exmoor Street, London W10 6 DZ.
- **Closing date: all entries must be received by 11.59pm on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2021.**
- Full Terms and Conditions and conditions apply; see over.



## Competition Terms and Conditions of entry:

1. By submitting an entry to the competition, you are agreeing to be bound by these Terms and Conditions. Open Age reserves the right to refuse entry, or refuse to award the prize to anyone in breach of these terms and conditions. If you have any questions, please contact [artsandculturebookings@openage.org.uk](mailto:artsandculturebookings@openage.org.uk)
2. The competition is being run by Open Age.
3. This competition is free to enter and no purchase is necessary.

### Eligibility to enter:

4. The competition is open to Open Age members only.
5. A maximum of one entry per individual is permitted.
6. Your entry must not exceed 500 words.

### How to enter:

7. To enter the competition, email a copy of your entry to [artsandculturebookings@openage.org.uk](mailto:artsandculturebookings@openage.org.uk) or post it to: Writing Competition, Open Age, St Charles Centre for Health & Wellbeing, Exmoor Street, London W10 6DZ

**8. Entries must be received by 11.59pm on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2021. Entries received after the stated closing date will not be accepted.**

9. Proof of sending is not proof of receipt; Open Age will not accept responsibility for any late or lost entries.

### The prizes:

10. There will be a total of three prizes (first, second and third prizes). First prize will be an Amazon Fire 7; second prize will be a Gales voucher; third prize will be a hamper of goodies. Open Age's use of any brands as prize does not imply any affiliation with or endorsement of such brands.
11. The winner will be selected by Open Age's Trustees.
12. The prizes are non-exchangeable, non-transferable and no cash alternatives will be offered.
13. We reserve the right to substitute prizes with another prize of equal or higher value if circumstances beyond our control make it necessary to do so.
14. The decision of Open Age regarding any aspect of the competition is final and binding and no correspondence will be entered into.

### Winner announcement:

15. The winner will be notified after 1 February 2021 via the email provided with the competition entry or by phone (where entries were submitted by post and no email address is available).
16. Open Age will attempt to contact the winner up to two times. If the winner does not respond to the emails or phone calls notifying them of their win within 14 days of the second attempt, they will lose their right to the prize, and Open Age reserves the right to choose and notify a new winner.
17. Please allow up to 14 days for delivery of the prize or alternative collection or delivery arrangements may be made through mutual agreement.

### Data protection and publicity:

18. You consent to any personal information you provide in entering the prize draw being used by Open Age for the purposes of administering the prize draw, and for those purposes as defined within our privacy notice.
19. All entrants may apply for details of the winning participant by contacting us at [artsandculturebookings@openage.org.uk](mailto:artsandculturebookings@openage.org.uk) from 1 March 2021.
20. The winners agree to the release of their first name and borough of residence to any other competition participants if requested via Open Age.
21. An announcement of the winners' first name and borough of residence will be made via Open Age's website and in member communications.
22. All personal information shall be used in accordance with Open Age's Data Protection Notice.

### Limitation of Liability:

23. Open Age does not accept any liability for any damage, loss, injury or disappointment suffered by any entrants as a result of either participating in the competition or being selected for a prize, save that Open Age does not exclude its liability for death or personal injury as a result of its own negligence.
24. Open Age does not provide any form of practical or IT support for this prize.
25. On receipt of the prizes, all responsibilities relating to warranty and the product are that of the prize winner.

### General:

26. Open Age reserves the right to cancel the competition or amend these terms and conditions at any time, without prior notice.
27. The competition and these terms and conditions will be governed by English law and any disputes will be subject to the exclusive jurisdiction of the courts of England and Wales.