

European Literature Night 2013 Call for Participation

European Literature Night (ELN), the British annual literary showcase bringing the best of the continent's writers to the British Library, is delighted to open Calls for Participation for 2013. Held in May each year, ELN in London is part of a number of simultaneous events across European capitals and major cities, from Paris to Stockholm, in celebration of European literature.

In May 2012 the British Library hosted eight acclaimed authors from across the continent, whose writing ranges from poetry to vampire tales, from crime thrillers to exposing hidden histories. Many of them have gone on to take part in various UK literary festivals including the Birmingham Book Festival and the StAnza Poetry Festival, bringing ELN's distinct way of celebrating European Literature to audiences around the country. Now moving into its fifth year, ELN is aiming for an even bigger events programme in 2013 to highlight Europe's literary pedigree. For images, participating authors and details of the 2012 ELN see EUNIC website archive: <http://eunic-london.org/literature-and-language.html>

European Literature Night is supported by EUNIC partners and facilitated by the Czech Centre London. A unique British-based initiative involving 24 European Cultural Institutes and Embassies, many arts organisations and the Representation of the European Commission in the UK, ELN promotes European literature of all genres in English translation. Since 2012 Speaking Volumes Live Literature Productions has curated ELN events in London and across the UK and is also planning an extensive UK tour of ELN writers selected in 2013. ELN is chaired by BBC journalist Rosie Goldsmith, a highly-respected champion of European literature. This is an unprecedented opportunity for authors to take part in a unique series of events to introduce the UK to some of the most intriguing voices from modern Europe.

To be part of the biggest ELN programme yet, we would now like to [invite you to recommend up to three writers to be considered by an eminent literary panel for inclusion in the 2013 events. The deadline is 1700 hours on Friday 11 January 2013. Please turn over for terms and conditions for nominations.](#) All organisations nominating authors must have a partner providing financial support (a EUNIC London member institute or other organisation) or be able to support their visit financially. [Should you wish to inquire about funding, please do get in touch.](#)



Conditions for European Literature Night Nominations

Nominated Writers

- * Must be reasonably established in their home country but, ideally, less well known in the UK;
 - * Must have their book/s already or imminently published in English;
 - * Should preferably speak good English to participate in readings and discussions.
- Exceptions will be considered, although a translator will limit the author's voice-time at an event.

Cultural Partners

- * Must be a Cultural Institute or Embassy, literary organisation, educational institution, publisher, bookseller or professional literature practitioner;
- * May offer nominations of up to three writers each;
- * Must supply: short biographies of each writer, a bibliography including all relevant translations, a short supporting statement and an extract of work (up to 15 pages of a novel or a small selection of poems);
- * Must email nominations to Sarah Sanders at eln@eunic-london.org in an accessible Word or PDF format by **11 January 2013**. We regret we are unable to consider any nominations received after this date.

The Selection Process

- * Nominations will be considered by a board of jurors including Rosie Goldsmith, representatives of EUNIC London, the British Library and a selection of independent literature specialists;
- * Jurors will base their decision on the quality of the submitted literature and its translation to enable ELN to represent the best of contemporary European writing;
- * A list of the selected writers for ELN events will be published in March 2013.

Contacts

- * For queries about ELN or the nominations, contact Sarah Sanders at the address above or Renata Clark, Deputy Director of the Czech Centre London at * For information about the [European Literature Network](#), created by Rosie Goldsmith to support all writers, translators, publishers, booksellers, media, festival directors, teachers and arts organisations in this field, contact Rosie Goldsmith at rosiegold@tiscali.co.uk or visit www.eurolitnet.com and the EuroLitNetwork pages on Facebook.
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