

The Royal Society  
*of Literature*



Literature  
needs you



**Our Online Hub is a growing library of writing on why literature matters.**

**We reach 800+ pupils a year in challenging state secondary schools.**



**We give more than £50,000 a year in awards to writers.**



**Over 4,000 people a year come to our events across the country.**

# The Royal Society of Literature needs your support

We are a community of people who care about great writing. We speak up for literature. We foster a love of reading through our events and membership. We bring literature to new audiences by reaching out to schools. We make a powerful difference to writers with our Fellowships and awards.

Despite being Royal, we are a small charity with minimal reserves and no Government funding. We rent a small office for our 2 full-time and 4 part-time staff. We rely on grants and the generosity of individuals.

Please help us. We need and appreciate every penny. We are especially looking to welcome lovers of literature to our Supporters' Circle or as Patrons, or you can donate any amount right now on our website.

## Join our Literature Matters Supporters' Circle

For £250 a year, you and a guest will be invited to private events and given pre-public access to the outcomes of our Literature Matters programme. Above all, you will be supporting the cause of literature.

## Become a Patron

For £1,000 a year, we will respond to whatever level of involvement you would like with the RSL. Benefits include post-event dinners with our speakers, and and invitations to private events. You may wish simply to be thanked and leave it at that. The choice is yours.

To join our Supporters' Circle or become a Patron please complete the form and return to Royal Society of Literature, Somerset House, Strand, London, WC2R 1LA

## HELP US BE A VOICE FOR LITERATURE

- I would like to join the Literature Matters Supporters Circle for three years for a minimum of £250 a year
- I would like to become a Patron of the RSL for a minimum of £1000 a year

I would like to make my donation of £ \_\_\_\_\_ to the RSL on a monthly/quarterly/annual basis

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**We respect your privacy.** Your personal information is held by the RSL on a secure database and will never be shared with any third party.

With Gift Aid, your donation is worth more. For every £1 you give we can claim an additional 25 pence.

Literature Matters Supporters and Patrons receive a range of benefits, and so part of your gift is not eligible for Gift Aid. This amount is £50 for Literature Matters Supporters and £200 for Patrons. The remainder is a voluntary donation to which Gift Aid and tax relief can be applied. Funds from CAF or Trusts cannot be used to pay for the benefits, only for the donation.

- I would like to waive my Patron benefits and for the RSL to treat the full amount of my patronage as a donation.
- Yes, please Gift Aid this donation and any donations I make in the future, or have made in the last 4 years. I am a UK taxpayer and understand that if I pay less Income Tax and/or Capital Gains Tax in the current tax year than the amount of Gift Aid claimed on all my donations it is my responsibility to pay any difference. I will inform The Royal Society of Literature if I wish to amend or cancel this claim, or if I change my name or address.

## Ways to pay

- Cheque / CAF voucher made payable to The Royal Society of Literature
- Bank transfer to The Royal Society of Literature, Barclays PLC, Account 90791083, Sort Code 20-06-13 (please include your first initial and surname for reference)
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- You can cancel a Direct Debit at any time by simply contacting your bank or building society. Written confirmation may be required. Please also notify The Royal Society of Literature.

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**Literature matters because it  
has a part to play in the world,  
it can transform, it can redress,  
it can make things happen.**

**Marina Warner, President of the Royal  
Society of Literature**

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