

West Bromwich Local History Society are producing a new book, focusing on the impact of the Second World War on the town and surrounding area. We are holding this competition in association with West Bromwich Youth Council.

We invite all local young people in Sandwell in the age categories of 10-13 and 14-18 to submit a short piece of writing on the theme of 'West Bromwich at War' to this competition.

Your entry can be in any literary form; a fictional story, poetry, or a journalistic piece based on historical research or interviews (i.e. war time air raids on West Bromwich, local factory war time production, the aspects of the contributions of members of the Commonwealth countries in supporting Great Britain, many of whom settled here after the conflict). It could be a story from your family history, or an imaginative piece based on a photograph, or it may be a short essay reflecting your personal thoughts and feelings on the impact of conflict on our lives today.

Entries will be judged on which are the most original, interesting, entertaining, as well as historically relevant - writing which can capture the reader and hold their attention.

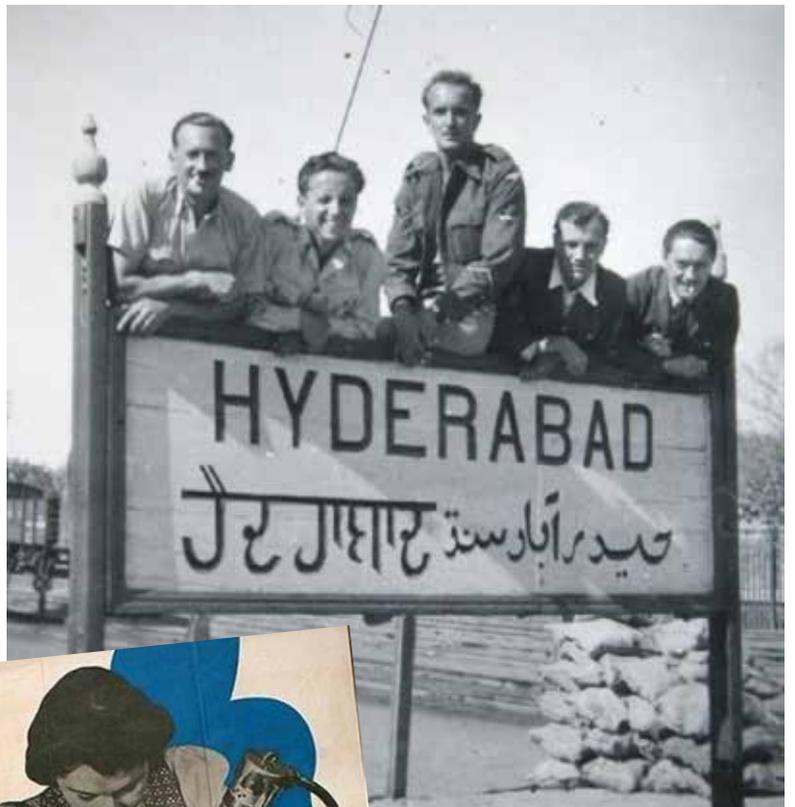
The overall winning entry will be awarded £150, the second £100, with two prizes in the 10-13 category of £75. Winning entries will be featured in the new publication 'West Bromwich at War' and/or on a dedicated web site the Society are producing in July 2016.

Deadline for entries: Friday April 8th, 2016

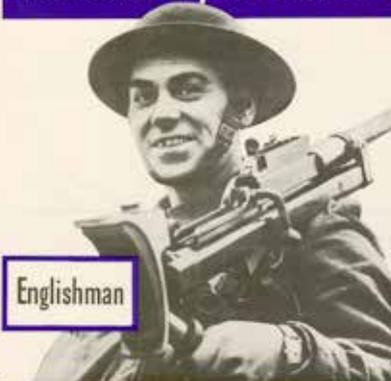
**GET WRITING!**

Please note competition terms and conditions.

Send your entries to:  
Project Co-ordinator,  
email: [westbromlocalhistory1974@gmail.com](mailto:westbromlocalhistory1974@gmail.com)



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## Writing Competition for Young People - Full Terms and Conditions

1. The 'West Bromwich at War' writing competition is open to residents of Sandwell aged between 10 and 18 years old.
2. It is a condition of entry that all rules are accepted as final and that the competitor agrees to abide by these rules. Submission of an entry will be taken to mean acceptance of these terms and conditions.
3. To participate in this competition, entrants must write a short story on the theme of the project 'West Bromwich At War' in no more than 2000 words. If it is a poem, no longer than 28 lines.
4. Entries can be in any literary form. Only one poem and/or one short story per young writer.
5. Entrants may only submit their own original, authentic work. If it is not your own work, it will be disqualified.
6. Entries should be submitted in an email to Project Co-ordinator, westbromlocalhistory1974@gmail.com
7. If you are under 16, an adult (e.g. parent, guardian or teacher) must agree your entry and provide their email address, telephone number and postcode, stating their relation to you.

If permission to enter was supervised by your teacher, please supply details of the teacher and school and we will contact the teacher and ask for confirmation of permission from your parent or guardian. If you are 16 or over, you must provide your email address, contact telephone number and postcode.

8. We will hold all Personal Data supplied in accordance with the provisions of the Data Protection Act 1998. The information you provide will be kept confidential, only be used for administration purposes of selection during the period of the competition. We will not sell, distribute or lease your personal information to third parties, nor send you any promotional information about third parties.
8. If you are shortlisted for the competition, your parent/guardian will have to complete and return a parental consent form.
9. Entries must be received by April 8th 2016.
9. The judging panel will be comprised of representatives of West Bromwich Local History Society and West Bromwich Youth Forum. The judges' decision is final and no correspondence shall be entered into.
10. Copyright in all submissions to the competition remains with the respective entrants. However, each entrant grants permission to West Bromwich Local History Society to reproduce material in any of its publications or websites and/or in any promotional material connected to this competition with appropriate credit.
11. Entries must be typed. Illegible, incomplete or defaced entries will not be accepted. No responsibility can be accepted for lost entries and proof of sending will not be accepted as proof of receipt.
12. Winning entries will be awarded as follows: overall first prize in the 14-18 category, £150; second prize, £100; there will be two prizes of £75 in the 10-13 category Prizes must be claimed within 60 days of the winners being notified.
13. The winners may be required to participate in publicity, and will also be invited to attend with parents/guardians relevant trips organised by West Bromwich Local Society during the project (ie: Imperial War Museum North, Cosford Air Museum) as well as the book and website launch.