

Young Storyteller of the Year Award: 13 March 10.30 – 5.30

* Competitors' registration from 10am in the foyer *

Directions from New Street Station to the Library Theatre, B3 3HQ

Leave the station platform by the exit marked Victoria Square, NOT the escalator to the main concourse. (If you are on Platform 1 only, there is no access to this exit and you must go up to the main concourse and down onto any other platform). At street level, cross the road and walk up Pinfold Street into Victoria Square. This is full of grand metropolitan art! With the Sphinx on your right and Anthony Gormley's body on your left, go towards Queen Victoria.

Cross the square with the round pool and go up the steps towards Paradise Forum. The Library Theatre is on the left hand end of the Forum. Go round the statue of Watt (he is proudly holding a big water pipe) and along the left side of Paradise Forum.

With the blue Berlitz sign on your right and the blue Birmingham City University sign on your left go towards the pink and green Library Theatre sign on the bridge. The theatre entrance is on the left under the bridge.

Climb two flights of stairs to the bridge level. Disabled access is via the Central Library entrance at the other end of Paradise Forum - ask at the entrance desk to be given access). On the bridge you will find ticket sales and registration. You have arrived. Approx time from station: 7 minutes

We aim to have stewards outside Paradise Forum to help direct you.

Facilities in the theatre

In the foyer: snack bar selling chocolate, crisps, soft drinks at agreed times and alcohol between 12 and 2 only. Drinking water cooler. Cubbyhole for coats and bags (this will be supervised by a steward at all times). Information leaflets about storytellers involved in Young Tongues, and the Society for Storytelling. Toilets through door and up flight of stairs, disabled toilet and baby change off foyer.

In the auditorium: raked seating for 200. Dedicated seats at front for competitors. Raised stage with back and side drapes and steps at either end. Basic stage lights (general cover).

Refreshments: Although the café is in the same building, you must go downstairs, outside, past Watt's statue, across the front of Paradise Forum and in through the Central Library entrance at the other end of the Forum. Go up 5 steps, turn left and go up the escalator to the first floor. The cafe is down the corridor and on the right. It seems nice. You can also find a wide range of refreshment in Paradise Forum itself, including MacDonald's, a sweet shop, Nandos, Wetherspoons, Pizza, a baguette and smoothies bar, and Café Bebo (a barista type place).

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