

The Communication Committee's

Creative Writing Competition 2026

Open to Members of Norfolk Federation

“If only...”

Develop your piece, using this theme/title as the prompt, in any style/genre you choose, fact or fiction, however, it should be presented anonymously

The judges will be looking for a piece which

- Hooks the reader quickly, with enough telling details and appropriate vocabulary to bring it alive
- Is a satisfying read, with a clear plot or point
- Paints a picture with words
- Is well-presented, with layout and word count, as requested, noted at the end of the piece, with acceptable spelling and punctuation



Please ensure that you adhere to the following schedule:
(only those entries that do so will proceed to judging)

- ◆ A short story that is entirely your own work on the theme above, to be told in circa 650 words (a margin of 10 either way)
- ◆ Your submission can be typed or clearly handwritten. Please number the pages and add the word count at the end
- ◆ Names and identifying details should be changed to protect the privacy of individuals
- ◆ *Do not put your name on the script itself*, but attach a covering sheet with your name, address, phone and/or email contact, and the name of your WI. Include a sae if you want the script returned by post
- ◆ To be submitted to Federation Office, either by email (admin@norfolkwi.org.uk) or by post to 45 All Saints Green, Norwich NR1 3LY
- ◆ Entry Fee £2.00 per script: Only 1 entry per member
By cheque made payable to NFWI On the reverse please write “Writing 2026” and the name of your WI OR:
By BACS: To NFWI Sort Code 08-92-99 Account No. 67360071
Payments should be referenced with your Surname, WI and “Writing 2026”
- ◆ **The Norfolk Federation Writing Competition Trophy and a £25 WI Voucher** will be presented to the winner at the Federation Annual Meeting in 2027
- ◆ Winner and runners-up entries will be published in the Federation Magazine on Social Media, or online
- ◆ It does not have to reference the WI

Closing date Thursday 31st December 2026

*Don't forget, no one else sees the world the way you do,
so no one else can tell the stories that you have to tell: Charles de Lint*

Good Luck with your entries!