Winning lecture to be delivered at the 2017 Hay Festival Hay-on-Wye

Judges – The judging panel will consist of representatives from the University of Wales Trinity Saint David and ASLE UKI.

Entry to the competition is free, but must be accompanied by an official entry form. Only one entry per person is permitted.

For an entry form, as well as full terms and conditions, see: [www.asle.org.uk](http://www.asle.org.uk) and [www.uwtsd.ac.uk/inspire](http://www.uwtsd.ac.uk/inspire)

The closing date for entries is January 31st 2017

Criteria

Sustainability is a matter of literature as much as it is about politics or environmental science. The stories we tell, the poems we compose, the dramas we enact – all provide spaces for inspiration, imagination, and debate over what it means to live sustainably. This competition invites submissions that explore how literature, in any of its forms, responds to and forges interactions and connections – in both the natural world and in the context of debates around sustainability.

Entrants should submit the text of a half-hour public lecture, which is both scholarly and accessible to an audience ranging from interested lay-people to professional literary critics and sustainability practitioners.

The winner of the competition will be invited to deliver her/his submission as ‘The 2017 INSPIRE Lecture on Literature and Sustainability’ at the 2017 Hay Festival of Literature and the Arts (Hay-on-Wye, 25 May – 4 June 2017). The lecture will be followed by a public discussion between the competition winner and Jane Davidson, Director of INSPIRE and former Welsh Government Minister for Sustainability, and Brycchan Carey, Chair of ASLE-UKI.

For the Hay Festivals website, see: [www.hayfestival.com](http://www.hayfestival.com)