

CALL FOR ENTRIES

THE 2019 ASLE/INSPIRE PUBLIC LECTURE on
LITERATURE AND SUSTAINABILITY

Winning lecture to be delivered at the

2019 Hay Festival

Hay-on-Wye, May-June 2019

Sustainability is a matter of culture 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 the past, present, or future environment or to environmental concerns, be it through engagements with nature, place, and landscape, with the life sciences, ecology, or environmental science, or in the context of debates around sustainability, energy use, or climate change.

Entrants should submit the text of a half-hour public lecture which is appropriate for a broad public audience which may include school children, interested lay-people, activists, literary critics, or sustainability practitioners. Lectures should be lively and accessible, avoid academic jargon or complex theorisation, and should aim to be both thought-provoking and entertaining. Unrevised academic papers will not be considered.

The winner of the competition will be invited to deliver her/his submission as 'The 2019 INSPIRE Lecture on Literature and Sustainability' at the 2019 Hay Festival of Literature and the Arts (Hay-on-Wye, 23 May – 2 June 2019). 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). Reasonable travel expenses to Hay within the UK will be paid by ASLE-UKI.

Entry to the competition is free. Only one entry per person is permitted. Please submit the text of your lecture, any accompanying powerpoint presentation, and include a brief (50 words) biography as well as your contact details.

Entries should be submitted by email to the Chair of ASLE-UKI, Professor Brycchan Carey: brycchan.carey@northumbria.ac.uk

The closing date for entries is Thursday 28 February 2019