

City writer keeps award in region

SWANSEA'S Natalie Holborow was crowned the winner of the 2015 Terry Hetherington Young Writers Award, with fellow Swansea-born writer Richard Lewis claiming second place.

"It was a wonderful evening and I am delighted to have been part of it," said Natalie afterwards.

"It's such an important award to young writers in Wales. It is often so difficult to get started in the world of writing and publishing, and the support this competition offers has been invaluable to many who have now gone on to find further success, such as Costa Prize-winning Jonathan Edwards and Georgia Caryl Williams. I love the colourful and unique array of voices which make the night so special."

The awards, established in 2009 in memory of the Neath poet, saw 14 young writers — as well as a 15th from Serbia via video link — take to the stage at Swansea's Dylan Thomas Centre to read their own works of poetry and prose.

The award nominees with overall award winner Natalie Holborow (inset).
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