

## **Spinebreakers Youth Judging Panel for the Orange Prize for Fiction 2010**

### **What are we asking you to do?**

- To be a member of a unique youth panel of book judges for the 15<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Orange Prize for Fiction 2010.
- To read 9 of the 14 previous Orange Prize winning books and to shortlist to 4 with the other members of the youth panel.
- The youth panel will be made up of six people, 3 men and 3 women, between 16-20 years old.
- You will be expected to blog online and also to be available to speak confidently in front of the camera about the books on the list.
- We are looking for people between 16-20 years old who are bright and enthusiastic about reading. You must be able to read quickly, be a confident and opinionated member of this book group and be able to offer quality comment on the previous Orange Prize Winners both online and offline.
- If selected from the first round of application, you will be invited for interview.

### **How will it work?**

- Each member of the youth panel will be sent a copy of the 14 previous winning books from the Orange Prize for Fiction.
- Each book must be read by a minimum of 2 judges so each judge will initially read 7 books, and then a further 2 after shortlisting.
- The panel will meet to discuss the books and to decide on a shortlist of 4 and then later to choose an overall winner to select the "Orange Prize Winner of Winners."

### **What will you do as judges?**

- You will record your reading experience and share your views of the books you are reading publicly on Spinebreakers in a special area of the site before meeting to choose your shortlist of 4 books.
- Orange will host that meeting.
- You will then read any books you haven't yet read on the shortlist and continue to post views/reviews on Spinebreakers before meeting again.
- All members of the shadow panel will be invited to Orange Prize awards ceremony.
- All judging meetings and the awards ceremony will be in London.

### **What else is involved?**

- Youth panel members may be invited to talk to the media about their experiences.
- Profiles of the 6 judges will be made available in press releases sent out to the media highlighting the project.
- It is likely that we will ask one man and one woman to be lead spokespeople on the project for the purpose of media interviews.
- The aim behind the project is to highlight that orange prize books are for everybody and that the views of younger readers (although almost never represented in literary prizes or the media) are equally valid and interesting.
- Youth panel members will need to be happy about undertaking media interviews as required.

- Youth panel members will also be expected to take active part in blogging about their experience, views on the books etc. on [www.spinebreakers.co.uk](http://www.spinebreakers.co.uk)
- Orange will also want to run short interview with 2 of the panel members on their Orange news channel and on the Orange portal.

**To apply:**

Send examples of your written / spoken / blogged opinion about **3 books** you have read considering the three criteria that Orange Prize winning books are judged on: Originality, Accessibility and Excellence.

Please visit [www.spinebreakers.co.uk](http://www.spinebreakers.co.uk) and upload your entry along with your full name, date of birth, and a head-shot photo or email [hello@spinebreakers.co.uk](mailto:hello@spinebreakers.co.uk) by **Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> January 2010**.

**(Please note: The deadline has been extended, previously 21<sup>st</sup> December.)**

**You must be able to travel to London for an interview and at least two youth panel meetings to take place between January and May plus the Orange Prize for Fiction Awards Ceremony in June.**