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Launch of 2011 Benjamin Franklin House Literary Prize in association with The Telegraph

“Light often arises from a collision of opinions, as fire from flint and steel” – Benjamin Franklin

London, 23 June 2011 – Each year a question or quote exploring Benjamin Franklin’s relevance in our time is open for interpretation in 1000-1500 words. From 2011, the competition is open exclusively for young writers, aged 18-25, with a first prize of £750, and a second prize of £500. Winning entries will be posted online by media partner The Telegraph and at www.BenjaminFranklinHouse.org.

The Franklin quote for interpretation in 2011 is: “Light often arises from a collision of opinions, as fire from flint and steel.” Entrants should interpret this quote for its significance today. All entries must be received before 31 October 2011.

Franklin is one of history’s great figures. While he made lasting contributions in many fields, his first passion was writing. He believed in the power of the written word as the bedrock of a democratic society to inform and stimulate debate.

For nearly sixteen years between 1757 and 1775, Franklin lived at 36 Craven Street in the heart of London, England. He is one of history’s great polymaths – a diplomat, patriot, scientist, inventor, philosopher and more. He was one of the first American journalists, writing prolifically not only on politics and foreign affairs, but on science, the arts and society. In 2006, Benjamin Franklin House, the world’s only remaining Franklin home, opened to the public for the first time as a dynamic museum and educational facility. For more information see www.BenjaminFranklinHouse.org.

The Benjamin Franklin House Literary Prize is endowed by Benjamin Franklin House Chairman John Studzinski, a leading executive and philanthropist.

Submissions

* Entrants must be aged 18- 25 years

Entries of 1000-1500 words must be sent by 31 October 2011 to info@benjaminfranklinhouse.org. Each entrant is asked to provide their name, email, postal address, and telephone number. In addition, entrants should provide their age and place of study (if applicable; if they are not currently in education, they should provide a biographical note explaining their current activities.) Entrants may submit only one entry; fiction or non-fiction accepted.

Read more [information](#) on the Benjamin Franklin House Literary Prize.

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