



# CALF NEWS

## Crispin Aubrey Legacy Fund | Newsletter

### About the Fund

The Crispin Aubrey Legacy Fund was set up in memory of the campaigner and journalist Crispin Aubrey. Crispin's family founded the fund in 2013 to ensure the spirit of his values lives on. The fund provides scholarship and mentoring support to aspiring journalists championing environmental and social justice issues.

### Join our 2016 Memorial Walk

This year's memorial walk will take place in Hackney, East London on Saturday 1st of October. The walk will begin with lunch at London fields at midday and a walk taking in local literary sites from Pages of Hackney to Broadway Books. If you would like to receive further details, please register your interest by emailing: [info@crispinaubrey.org](mailto:info@crispinaubrey.org)

### CALF Update

Welcome to the Summer 2016 CALF News. We have been pleased to see the scholarship programme grow from strength to strength this year. Our students have really valued the ongoing support provided by the fund and the mentorship programme has added value enabling the grant to



offer tailored professional guidance to our scholars. We were pleased to welcome Adam Vaughan, editor of the Guardian's environment site and Tina Moran, former Women's Editor for the Express Newspapers, as professional mentors. This year we were delighted to see the bursary programme formally recognised by the University of West of England (UWE) and see scholars officially awarded grants by the Deputy Vice Chancellor as part of UWE's 2016 graduation ceremony held at Bristol Cathedral. We are also pleased to announce that the 2016 Undergraduate Scholarship was awarded to Emma Stansfield from Somerset studying on UWE's PR and Journalism course. And finally, we would like to say a very special thanks to Ian Enters for organising 'Castle Calling' a fundraising poetry picnic in aid of the fund.

#### Welcome to Emma our latest scholar!

*" Hello, my name is Emma Stanfield and I am a twenty-one year old public relations and journalism student at UWE. I spent my early years in South East Asia before moving to Somerset in my teens. As a result, I have had experiences along the way which have moulded my ethics and character, giving me a strong interest in the environment and the world we live in. I am passionate about captivating and influencing others through my writing, and hopefully improving lives along the way.*



*After completing a PR module in my first year I was given the opportunity to be part of a PR firm in Bristol for a summer internship. This opened my eyes to the various areas I could involve myself in for a future career. I have become excited about the prospects in working alongside NGO's such as WWF and UNICEF to make a difference to society. This type of work would enhance my journalistic skills and offer me further knowledge highlight important environmental messages."*

## Castle Calling - People, Place and Poetry



We would like to say a very special thanks to Ian Enters who organised an afternoon of poetry and music centred around 'the Mount' in our local village of Nether Stowey. Ian is a poet and translator of Anglo-Saxon poetry and whilst walking on the Mount had the idea of holding an event on the historical site. The event was held on a rather damp Sunday afternoon and so walkers retreated from the Mount to Hockpitt Farm where attendees were treated to poems, history and music bringing the history of the Castle Mount to life. Readings and music spanned from 10th Century through to 13th Century. The event was a great success and merry affair raising over £250 to support the fund. Thanks to Jenny and Georgina Ambler, Toby Cann and Neil West

for musical contributions and readings from Ian Enters, Sandra Sidaway, Eliza and Terry Sackett, Sue and Rosie Aubrey, Kate and Lewis Aubrey-Johnson, Kate Chandler and Eoin O'Donnchadna.

### Updates from our BA Scholars Rhys and Summer

Rhys Buchanan was awarded the 2015 BA Scholarship in September, he has a background in music journalism and is passionate about fighting climate change. *"The fund has been incredibly helpful towards my journalistic career so far and it was wonderful to attend the graduation ceremony and I felt really proud to have the award officially recognised through the University. Since September I've been provided with both physical and educational development tools. One of my favourite moments was visiting the Guardian offices to meet my mentor Adam Vaughan who provided some invaluable advice and goals to work towards. Since then I've had a blog post published through Greenpeace and booked up a masterclass in London for this August. I'm hoping that this will help me continue working with the contacts I've built and ultimately get my work published in wider places."*

Summer Brooks our first CALF scholar, awarded the BA Scholarship in 2014, reflects back on experiences with the fund and graduation as her scholarship comes to end. *"Back in March, I attended a three day course in 'Lifestyle Journalism' at the London School of Journalism. It was exciting to learn more about the kind of journalism I am interested in, but after the three days I left with so much more than just practical advice about the industry. Led by writer Lorna V, I arrived to the school as one of the youngest in the class. I met some incredible women from all walks of life who were looking for a career change, whilst I was looking for further guidance on how to get into an ever-changing and difficult industry."*

*Over the course of the three days I realised that the pressure I felt from being so close to finishing university and graduating, I was putting on myself. We spent time looking at magazines, looking for who writes the articles and the layouts of the pieces to work out whether we can pitch to them, and how best to do it. Understanding the audience is the most important thing when it comes to targeting publications with good content and Lorna emphasised how important it is to identify what the reader will connect with."*

*Aside from all the practical knowledge about freelancing writing, being successful and being pragmatic about who is paying - I learnt a whole lot about myself over those three days (as I think a lot of the other women did too!) By the end of it I felt excited, not scared to start my career. I felt inspired to write, inspired by the people I spoke to and ready to embrace whatever the next step might be for me. And now, I've moved back home to Cornwall for a little bit to save money and I've been lucky enough to have been offered a job freelancing for Engine House Media - the company I did work experience with last summer thanks to the support of the scholarship. For the rest of the year, I hope to have built up a body of work through freelancing as well as networking with contacts in the industry with the help of the scholarship. Every new start is nerve-wracking, but it's definitely supposed to be exciting too."*