

# THE PUBLISHERS ASSOCIATION

## PUBLISHERS ASSOCIATION CHILDREN'S BOOK GROUP

### REGIONAL CHILDREN'S BOOK AWARD POLICY

Publishers and children's authors all greatly appreciate the excitement and interest in children's books that regional awards generate. However, as more and more awards are set up each year making increasing demands on authors we have drawn up a set of guidelines so that we are able to support all of these awards in an equitable way.

#### Guidelines for Shortlisted Authors

- It is up to the individual author's discretion whether or not they wish to attend an award ceremony.
- Publishers will share the expense of the author's travel and accommodation with the award organisers (i.e. pay for one or the other, whichever is more expensive)\*
- If the award ceremony involves the author doing additional events, the award organisers must pay the authors an agreed fee. (The Society of Authors website contains current minimum recommended fees). Negotiation is possible here but we ask that all authors must be paid the same fee.
- Authors should not be asked to do more than two sessions in one day (on top of the ceremony).
- Authors should be allocated a minder by the organisers, who will look after them at all times (since publishers are not always able to send a publicist to accompany the authors to the various ceremonies).

\*NB/ If we are pre-advised that an author has won an award, we are prepared to pay both their travel and accommodation for the award ceremony. However, our policy remains that they must be paid a fee for any events that they are expected to do in addition to the ceremony.