

The **Doncaster Storytelling Festival** runs from **29th January to 3rd March**, book-ended by National Storytelling Week and World Book Day. The theme for this year's festival is **A Wonderland of Stories**. The festival is run by partners including DCEP, National Literacy Trust/Doncaster Stories, the Royal Opera House, Cast theatre, Doncaster Council/RWM Strategies, Doncaster Libraries, AFCL (Adult Family Community Learning) and more. You can start planning your involvement now...

- **The Doncaster Equity Book Showcase (DEBS)** is a curated list of six titles (three picture books, three chapter books), selected to help improve the diversity of children's books available in Doncaster schools. The titles explore LGBTQ+, disability and ethnic diversity. There will be author events, assemblies, videos and activities around this book list. Hopkins Books have kindly offered a 30% discount on the titles... if you are interested in taking part and increasing the equity and diversity of your literacy offering, please email phil.sheppard@literacytrust.org.uk for more information.

Here are some of the first events that you can sign up for. All are free and exclusive to Doncaster...

- **31 Jan (9.30am - 10.15am) - Happy Here with Joe Coelho, Clare Weze and Dorcas Magbadelo.** This will have an extract reading, draw-a-long and Q&A panel. Every school should already have received a copy of [this book](#). (Sign up link available soon)
- **7 Feb (10am-11am) – Royal Opera House presents Everybody Dance!** Become honorary members of The Royal Ballet's corps de ballet and learn some choreography inspired by Christopher Wheeldon's *Alice's Adventures in Wonderland* - a fun and inclusive way to creatively engage with ballet and get moving. *Free and exclusive to all Doncaster schools.* [Register here for this student workshop.](#)
- **18 Feb (10am - 10.35am) – Performance poet Tomos Roberts** will be talking to Doncaster schools around his book, *The Great Realisation*. Perfect for current times, his poems have been incredibly popular during lockdown. We will send **a free copy of his book for every pupil taking part**, while stocks last. E-mail me numbers to secure your copies (suitable for KS2 up) and sign up [here](#)
- **Various dates in Jan, Feb and March - Royal Opera House Create & Dance CPD teacher training day online or in person.** Free, certified practical CPD to explore the 'Building Blocks' of dance and inspire cross-curricular learning, with a particular focus on Royal Ballet Repertory, *Alice's Adventures in Wonderland*.

Sign up to the virtual CPD below:

<i>Alice's Adventures in Wonderland</i>	Part 1 – virtual 20 January 2022; 13:00 – 16:00 Book here	Part 2 – virtual 3 March 2022; 13:00 – 16:00 Book here
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Sign up to the face-to-face CPD below:

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<i>Alice's Adventures in Wonderland</i>	Full day training – in person 2 February 2022; 9:00 – 16:00 Book here