

DEAR 2021 PROJECT

Dear 2021, We need to talk...

Dear 2021 Project is a writing challenge for writers of any age, living anywhere in the world.

If you could speak to the year 2021, what would you say?



The Challenge

We challenge you to write a letter, of no more than one side of A4, directly to the year 2021.

It's another extraordinary year for us all. What are you thankful for? What are you angry, or confused, about? What questions would you like 2021 to answer? Perhaps you'd like to offer it some advice?

Your letter can take any form you like- it can be fictional or based on your own experiences and can use prose or poetry. You can type or handwrite your letter and you are welcome to illustrate or decorate it.

Creative thinking is encouraged- you can interpret the challenge however you wish!

We will be publishing a zine in Spring 2021 to share the very best letters submitted to the project. Submitting a letter gives you the chance to be included, but does not guarantee that you will be published in the zine.

The closing date for submissions is 11:59pm on **Sunday 7th March**.

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The Zine

In Spring 2021, we will be publishing a short publication (a zine) with a selection of the best letters from the Dear 2021 Project.

We will be distributing them across the UK and they will be available to buy online from the date of publication.

By submitting a letter to the Dear 2021 Project, you will have a chance to be included in the Dear 2021 Project zine.

See the [full rules here](#).



How to Enter

To enter, read the full rules [here](#), then download a consent form here:

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You can send us your letter and consent form by email to dear2020@writesparks.co.uk

Entries without a consent form will not be considered.

For more information: dear2020.writesparks.co.uk/dear-2021-zine

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Activity Ideas

To warm up before writing an entry to The Dear 2021 Project, why not try some of these activities?

- Write a letter to someone you haven't seen for a while.
- Draw a line graph of your experience of the last few months. What have been the high and low points? Annotate the peaks and troughs.
- Write a letter to yourself to read in one year's time- what do you want to tell your future self? What are your predictions for the next 12 months? Do you have any advice for yourself in 2022?
- If 2021 was a character, what would it be like? How would it look? What would its voice sound like? How would it move? What does it eat? Who are its friends? Where would it go on holiday? What would it say to you if you sat next to it on a bus? What does it dream of?
- Imagine that you are the year 2021. Write a diary entry, thinking about what you might get up to in one day if you were the year 2021. Where would you go? Who would you see? What would you worry about?

Now you should be ready to write your entry to The Dear 2021 Project. It can be a letter, a story, a poem, a comic strip, an illustration or perhaps you're particularly proud of one of the warm up activities you've completed. You're welcome to submit anything you like to the project! It can be serious or silly, funny or factual- we are excited to see what you come up with!

