

Celebrating the best of Welsh (and Mauritian) writing

A NEW anthology, which sees some of the best young writers from Wales and Mauritius unite, will be launched in Swansea next week.

When *Young Dodos Meet Young Dragons: an Anthology of Welsh and Mauritian Writing* is edited by Neath's Alan Perry, along with Sachita Samboo and Barlen Pyamootoo, and includes the work of 15 writers (all under the age of 35) from each country.

The idea originally stemmed from Mauritian sculptor, painter and poet Kavi Vadamootoo, who divides his time between Swansea and Mauritius.

In 2009, he set up the Kavi Vadamootoo Mauritian Book of the Year Award, and brought in Alan Perry as one of the judges.

Alan visited Mauritius in the same year, helped present the award, held creative writing classes as well as reading his own poetry and delivered a paper on the late Neath poet Terry Hetherington. The plan for the anthologies was born soon after his return.

The Welsh section of the book includes contributions from many local, prize-winning poets and short story writers, including past winners of the Terry Hetherington Young Writers Award, and who have been included in Swansea University-based publisher Parthian's annual Cheval anthologies.

Entries for next year's Terry Hetherington Young



Writers Award, for which Alan Perry is a judge and founder, are now being accepted. The Award, open to young writers with a Welsh connection, has a prize of £1000 prize on offer.

The Welsh launch of this anthology will be held at Mozarts in Walter Road, Swansea on Wednesday, November 19, 8pm. The anthology will be sold at a special price of £7.99 on this particular night. Entry is free.

The closing date for the Terry Hetherington Young Writers Award 2015 is January 31, 2015. Full details available on the Cheval website at: www.chevalwriters.org.uk