

**PRESS RELEASE**  
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**The Royal Society  
of Literature**

**Royal Society of Literature  
welcomes  
HRH The Duchess of Cornwall  
as new Royal Patron  
*on National Writing Day***

**RSL President Marina Warner says:**

The Council, Fellows and Members and staff of the RSL are delighted and honoured that Her Royal Highness, The Duchess of Cornwall, has agreed to become our Royal Patron, taking over from Her Majesty The Queen. We all wish to recognise the steadfast, generous contribution of Her Majesty to the Society's standing and character and, consequently, to our undertakings and effectiveness. Now, with The Duchess as our new Patron, we shall be continuing the vital work that we do for writers, readers and the whole literary world.

We are thrilled that The Duchess's first appearance as our Royal Patron will be at the announcement of our 40 Under 40 Fellows on the evening of Wednesday 27 June. It could not be more fitting a day than National Writing Day for the Society to welcome Her Royal Highness, a champion of literature, as Royal Patron.

**Notes to Editors**

**Her Royal Highness The Duchess of Cornwall** is a great supporter of the arts, and a champion of literature and literacy. The Duchess is also Patron of the literature and literacy charities Beanstalk, Book Trust, First Story and the National Literacy Trust. The Royal Society of Literature is delighted to welcome Her Royal Highness as Patron of the RSL from June 2018.

Founded in 1820, **The Royal Society of Literature** is Britain's national charity for the advancement of literature. It acts as a voice for the value of literature, honours and encourages great writing through Fellowships and literary awards and engages the public in literature through events, publications and outreach to schools.

40 Under 40 Fellows will be announced at 7.30pm on Wednesday 27 June.  
**Embargoed press release available upon request.**

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