



## Children's Literature Association

Call for Papers:

**International Committee Focus Panel Session on BAME British children's literature**

**Deadline: September 15, 2018**

46<sup>th</sup> Annual Children's Literature Association Conference

Hosted by IUPUI & IU East

June 13 - 15, 2019

Indianapolis, Indiana

The International Committee of the Children's Literature Association is planning a special focus panel on Black, Asian and Minority Ethnic (BAME) literature from the United Kingdom, to be presented at the 46th Children's Literature Association Conference. This conference will be held in Indianapolis, Indiana, and hosted by Indiana University – Purdue University Indianapolis and Indiana University East from June 13 through 15, 2019.

The committee invites paper proposals that focus on the writing, editing and publishing of children's literature from the United Kingdom by Black, Asian and Minority Ethnic authors and illustrators. The Committee is particularly interested in proposals that relate these books to the conference theme of "Activism and Empathy." (Please see the definition of the conference theme at <http://www.childlitassn.org/2019>). We encourage scholars of color to apply.

Two abstracts will be selected, and the authors will receive "The ChLA International Honor Award," which includes a grant of \$500 each to cover expenses related to the conference (such as the membership and registration fees). Those papers selected for the International Focus panel will accompany a presentation by the Distinguished Scholar who will be invited by the Committee to present at the conference.

Please send 500-word abstracts accompanied by up to 250-word bios to the International Committee, Children's Literature Association, at [vanessa.joosen@uantwerpen.be](mailto:vanessa.joosen@uantwerpen.be) with the subject line "International Committee Paper Submission." The deadline for submissions is September 15, 2018.

Authors of proposals selected for the panel will be notified by October 1, 2018. The International Committee encourages those scholars who are not selected for the International Focus panel to submit an abstract through the general Call for Proposals so that BAME children's literature will become part of other panels at the conference. The call deadline for the 2019 ChLA conference is October 15, 2018.