

Joint Statement of Commitment on the Establishment of Tomorrow Club Working Group

100 years ago, our founder Catherine Amy Dawson Scott created a network that pre-dated PEN. It was called Tomorrow Club and carried the aim of introducing young writers to their older peers. Those efforts helped shape the strong foundations of the PEN movement today. A century later, we, the PEN Centers with signatures below, commit to actively supporting and engaging young writers and readers with a focus on those under 35 years of age, through the revival and re-establishment of Tomorrow Club working groups; to collaborate our various efforts on this regionally and globally by ensuring the attendance of young representatives associated with the center to the quarterly online meetings of the Tomorrow club and it's reconvening in person at PEN's next congress:

We commit to supporting youth engagement efforts within PEN's global network to carry its centenary legacy into relevancy in the next 100 years so we may seek to find many more writers to carry on the shoulders of giants who raised our ranks. To extend the opportunity for the youth to get together and get working on creating cohesion beyond deepening ideological, economic, and political divisions.

Signatories:

1. PEN Ukraine
2. PEN Bangladesh
3. PEN Belarus
4. PEN Armenia
5. PEN Slovenia
6. PEN Afrikaans
7. PEN Croatia
8. PEN Canada
9. Wales PEN Cymru
10. PEN Finland
11. PEN Togo
12. PEN Guatemala
13. PEN Austria
14. PEN Sweden
15. PEN Cambodia
16. PEN Germany
17. PEN Myanmar
18. PEN Norway
19. PEN America
20. PEN Taipei
21. English PEN
22. PEN Lebanon
23. Malawi PEN
24. PEN Turkey
25. Aspiring PEN Berlin
26. PEN Moroccan Centre

27. PEN Melbourne
28. PEN Guatemala
29. PEN Trieste
30. PEN Netherlands
31. Philippines PEN Centre
32. PEN Iraq
33. PEN Belgium Flanders
34. PEN Sydney
35. PEN Denmark
36. PEN Chile
37. PEN Ecuador
38. PEN San Miguel
39. PEN Kenya
40. PEN Uganda
41. PEN Quebec
42. PEN Estonia
43. PEN Català
44. PEN Melbourne