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Q: Why has CBCA devised this program?

A: There are two important reasons for creating this program

1. To amplify the voice of young readers in the CBCA Book of the Year Awards and to talk about Australian children's books across the nation.
2. To collaborate with the children's book community to support creatives, bookshops and the publishing industry.

Q: How many participants can you have in a group?

A: Any number up to a class size. In the trials there were groups from 3 to 25 participants.

Q: What does the facilitator do?

A: Each group needs an adult:

- to form the group and manage the administration aspects of running the program,
- to provide a welcoming and supportive environment which is respectful of all,
- to assist the discussion of each book using the CBCA BOYA criteria, and
- to inspire and manage the creative response.

Q: I would like to be a mentor. What is involved?

A: Any adult CBCA Branch member can volunteer to be a mentor to a facilitator and have a very valuable and satisfying volunteer experience. The mentor is to be a point of contact for the facilitator and assist with any queries. There will be an induction webinar for mentors.

Q: Can I still participate even though I didn't get funded?

A: Yes. Each CBCA Branch will determine the number of self-funded groups they can support.

Q: How do I form and manage a group.

A: A facilitator needs to gather a group of interested young people together who will enjoy discussing and responding to contemporary children's books, arrange regular meeting times, facilitate the discussion and submit the creative response to each Shortlisted title in their chosen category.

Q: Why do groups have to pay a \$50 registration fee?

A: The registration fee contributes to the administration and development of the program and re-sources. Further, it demonstrates a commitment on behalf of the group to complete the project and enables groups to be matched to a mentor.

Q: What resources do funded groups get?

A: The 2022 funded groups receive:

- a \$120 voucher to purchase the Shortlisted titles in their category of choice,
- a \$600 voucher to pay for a creative to conduct a workshop (online or face to face),
- access to Story Box Library for Shortlisted titles in the Early Childhood or Picture Book categories, and
- access to the PETAA resource eBook.

Q: What resources do self-funded groups get?

A: All groups will have a supporting mentor and be given access to all the digital resources on the Shadow Judging website. Self-funded groups will need to purchase copies of the 6 Shortlisted books in their category of choice. They also need to fund a creator's workshop for their group if they wish.