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We want you to think about the future. Gateshead is in the process of regeneration. We have the BALTIC, the Sage Gateshead and in 2006 the completion of Gateshead's new International Stadium. Will England win the next World Cup and will our athletes win gold when London hosts the Olympic Games in 2012? For us the sky is the limit...

We would like you to write a story about any aspect of

- your vision of the future for Gateshead
- your own aspirations or dreams
- achievements in politics, sport, business...
- new and challenging experiences

... Spread Your Wings and let your imagination fly!

Get your story published!

The winning stories in each category will be published in Gateshead Council's own talking newspaper. The paper has a large circulation on cassette tapes. They will also be published to a wider audience on the Council's website <http://www.gateshead.gov.uk/libraries> and they will be available in all libraries in Gateshead.

Need any help?

Your local library has details of writers' groups and creative writing courses in the area.

Competition Rules

To enter the competition, complete the entry form. Please don't put your name and address on the entry or you will be disqualified. The form is available in Braille and large print. Supply **four** copies of each story, preferably typed or clearly handwritten in black. You can also enter on cassette tape or by e-mail. Send a copy of your story to dorothycameron@gateshead.gov.uk be sure to include all the details requested on the entry form in your e-mail. Photocopies of the form will be accepted.

Entries must be no more than **1,500 words** and will not be acknowledged unless a stamped addressed envelope is enclosed for that purpose. Please keep a copy of your story, as entries will not be returned. We cannot be held responsible for any entries lost or damaged in the post or not retrieved electronically.

Entries must be received by noon on Monday 6 March 2006.
The judges' decision is final.
There will be a prizegiving event in Spring 2006.

- 11 AND UNDER: 1st prize £50 / 2nd prize £35 / 3rd prize £15
The Winner in this category will receive The Leviathan Trophy
- 12 - 18 YEARS: 1st prize £75 / 2nd prize £50 / 3rd prize £25
 - Over 18 YEARS: 1st prize £150 / 2nd prize £100 / 3rd prize £75
 - Winners in these categories will receive the Eileen Hattam Memorial Trophy

A professional panel will judge entries. Winners will be announced in April 2006

Please note: You may enter the competition if you live, work or receive full-time education in Gateshead. Employees of Gateshead Council's Cultural Services - Libraries are not eligible to enter.

Spreading Your Wings Entry Form

Please use block capitals

Name: _____

Address: _____

Post Code: _____

Telephone Number: _____

e-mail Address: _____

Age on 6 March 2006 (If 18 or Under): _____

School attended: _____

Title of work submitted:

I declare this entry to be all my own work. It has never been published in any format or read on radio/television/stage.

I confirm that I live/work/study in Gateshead (please circle as applicable)

Signature: _____

For official use only

ENTRY NUMBER: _____

SEND ENTRIES TO:
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Prince Consort Road, Gateshead, NE8 4LN.

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