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AWARD-WINNING READING CHARITY LAUNCHES NEW WEBSITE

The **Federation of Children's Book Groups (FCBG)**, the award-winning national organisation dedicated to 'bringing books and children together', has launched its new website, with resources for parents, teachers and children themselves.

The FCBG's new online presence shows for the first time the depth and breadth of the organisation: users can find their [local book group](#), participate in [National-Share-Story Month](#) and [National Non-fiction day](#), The website will also include a [blog](#), providing the latest book news from around the country, and even has a 'find your nearest bookshop' feature.

The site has been launched alongside the shortlist announcement for the [Red House Children's Book Award](#) – the Federation's own award and the only one nationally to be purely decided by children's votes. To celebrate the launch and the announcement of the Red House Children's Book Award Shortlist, a tour of the shortlisted authors will occur on children's books blogs.

Julia Millar, Chair of the FCBG says: 'The FCBG has in its members a wealth of resources and experience; we hope the new website showcases that, and encourages new book-lovers to set up their own groups. We're very aware that a strong online presence is a vital tool in pooling knowledge and spreading enthusiasm about the power (and fun!) of active book groups and a great book.'

The FCBG is an excellent, energetic and enthusiastic organisation, determined to encourage children to delight in the joys of reading. I have seen for myself how friendly and effective the Book Groups are. Long may they flourish!

Jacqueline Wilson

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Notes for editors:

1. FCBG website: <http://www.fcbg.org.uk/>
2. The FCBG has over 150 official members reaching out to children and parents in their local area, and 27 groups across the country. More information about the FCBG, its aims and its history can be accessed at: <http://www.fcbg.org.uk/about/>
3. The Federation of Children's Book Groups wins the Eleanor Farjeon award:
http://www.literacytrust.org.uk/news/4162_the_federation_of_childrens_book_groups_wins_award