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## 2016 Young Stationers' Prize

At the Annual Young Stationers' Dinner last night in Stationers' Hall, the judges of the Young Stationers' Prize were delighted to announce their decision to award the 2016 Young Stationers' Prize jointly to **Ella Kahn** and **Bryony Woods**, founders of Diamond Kahn & Woods Literary Agency.

Highlighting the legacy and continuity of the Prize, the ceremony saw last year's winner, **Angela Clarke**, present the prize to the winners. Also attending was **David Cohen**, Campaigns Editor of the Evening Standard, who spoke of the social change campaigns which he has been leading with the paper and the important role of journalism as an agent for good within society.

In her announcement of the award, Sue Pandit, Court Assistant and Chair of the Judging Panel, recognized the quality of entries for this year's award and challenge faced by the judging panel in selecting the winner.

Ella and Bryony co-founded the Diamond Kahn & Woods Literary Agency in 2012, when they were both in their mid-twenties. Their business was built from scratch with no investment and no client list. They taught themselves the practicalities of running a business, from tax and accounting to setting up a website. They have now signed over 40 authors and have sold over 40 titles to major publishers in the UK and abroad. Their client list spans children's and adult fiction and non-fiction with a number of prize-winning authors.

Ella is passionate about searching for new and diverse writing talent from writers of all backgrounds. She is also an advocate for young people seeking careers in publishing, she has been involved with the Society of Young Publishers and was chair in 2011. Bryony was also involved with the Society of Young Publishers, she was University Liaison Officer travelling to colleges and universities across the UK to give talks and workshops that would help inspire students to break into the publishing industry.

The judges also recognized three of the candidates as Highly Commended: **Heidi Blake**, BuzzFeed's UK Investigations Editor; **Daisy Buchanan**, a freelance feature writer and mentor to aspiring young journalists and writers; and **Amy Hutchinson**, Marketing Director for the BPIF.

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