

## ● **Writer** factsheet

Milton Keynes Development Partnership is part of Milton Keynes Council. It owns more than 80 plots of land in and around the city and is helping to develop them in the best ways.

CMK is the heart of the city and has been reported as the strongest city centre retail and leisure offer between London and the West Midlands. It also has fast rail services to London and the North West. All of this means that it is one of the best places for living, working, running businesses and leisure so the city will keep growing.

Several groups are looking at how Milton Keynes needs to develop, but none are focussed on the city centre. More importantly, they do not give young people a voice about what will make CMK of the future an attractive place for them to live, work and play in.

MKDP wants this to change with **Future:CMK**. It's an exciting competition that will give local young people a chance to propose their ideas in a range of ways knowing that they will be considered by MKDP's board which comprises property specialists, Councillors, council representatives from and business people.

**Get creative,  
win prizes, have  
an impact on the  
future of CMK.**

To enter the **Writer** category of the **Future:CMK** competition you need to write an article for the MK Citizen about the building or facility you would like to see in Central Milton Keynes in the future to make it a better place in which to live, work or play.

It can be in Microsoft Word, a PDF document or handwritten.

**Entries will be judged according to:**

- Originality - so don't be restricted by what's there already
- Practicality – be imaginative but a building made of cheese or chocolate will never happen!
- Contribution to the city - we are looking for buildings and facilities that we don't have already not just more of the same
- Suitability for the MK Citizen. Look at the website and/or pick up a copy of the newspaper to see the style of writing. The article should be no more than 350 words.

### **Who can enter?**

You must attend a school in Milton Keynes and be aged 11 to 18. The entries will be judged in three categories: Keystage 3, Keystage 4 and Sixth Form.

**The winners of each of the three categories will win a £50 Waterstones voucher.**

**The school attended by the overall winner of the Future:CMK competition will also be presented with a cheque for £2000.**

### **Sending your entries**

You can email your idea to [futurecmk@mkdp.org.uk](mailto:futurecmk@mkdp.org.uk) Or post it or deliver it to Faye Strudley, Future:CMK, Milton Keynes Development Partnership, Saxon Court, 502 Avebury Boulevard, Milton Keynes, MK9 3HS.

**The entry deadline is 5pm on October 13th 2017. Any entries received after this will not be entered into the competition.**