

Words 4 Change poetry competition 2025 - terms and conditions

INTRODUCTION

- 1.1** This competition is run by the Diverse Artists Network, a Community Interest Company registered in England and Wales (no. 12804388, registered office: Arnolfini Arts, 16 Narrow Quay, BS1 4QA), and Curiosity Consultancy LTD, a company registered in England and Wales (no. 15402659, registered office, 23 Altringham Rd, Bristol, England, BS5 7AS (“Promoters”).
- 1.2** The following terms and conditions (the “Terms”) govern the Words 4 Change competition (the “Competition”).
- 1.3** By submitting an entry (an “Entry”) to the Competition, you agree to be bound by these Terms. Please read these Terms carefully as your Entry is strictly subject to them.
- 1.4** The Promoters reserve the right to cancel or amend these Terms at any time without prior notice. By participating in the Competition before any revision of the Terms, you agree to be bound by any changes. Any amendments or cancellations will be notified by email.
- 1.5** The Promoters reserve the right to disqualify your Entry if you breach any of these Terms.

2 ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

- 2.1** To qualify to enter the Competition you must:
 - (i) live in England, Wales, Scotland or Northern Ireland
 - (ii) be of an appropriate age for the relevant category (ie, 0-11 years old, 12-17 years old, 18 years old or over) - see clause 3.5
 - (iii) comply with these Terms.
- 2.2** By submitting an Entry, you confirm that you are eligible to do so in accordance with clause 2.1, and are eligible to claim the Prize if you win.
- 2.3** The Promoters reserve the right to verify the eligibility of any Entry, to adjudicate any dispute regarding eligibility at our sole discretion, and to use any channels and methods available to carry out checks of any details provided. The Promoters may withhold delivery of the Prize until they have received such evidence from the winner/ s. Failure to provide such evidence in a timely manner may result in forfeiture of the Prize.

- 2.4** All Entries must be your own original artwork, created solely by you without the assistance of Artificial Intelligence (eg Chatgpt, Gemini, etc), and not infringe the rights of third parties, including copyright, trademark, trade secrets, privacy, publicity, personal or proprietary rights. Entries must not contain any material that is defamatory, offensive, libellous or blasphemous, or which infringes the statutory or common law right of third parties, including, without limitation, intellectual property rights. We may inform you if we have any concerns in relation to the matters covered by this clause. In any event we (acting reasonably) reserve the right to refuse to display and/ or remove the Competition at any time if we deem this an appropriate action or if we are instructed to do so by any statutory, legal or regulatory body.
- 2.5** Failure to comply with or meet entry criteria will result in your Entry being disqualified in accordance with clause 1.5 above.

3 COMPETITION FORMAT

- 3.1** The Competition begins on 27 April 2025 and ends at midnight on 12 September 2025.
- 3.2** Any Entries received outside the period set out in clause 3.1 will be ineligible.
- 3.3** We will not accept responsibility for Entries that are lost, mislaid, damaged or delayed, regardless of the cause (eg, as a result of technical malfunctions including network server failures, or failures of computer hardware or software).
- 3.4** There is no entry fee for this Competition.
- 3.5** Entries will be organised as per the Competition's age categories, ie
- (i) 18+
 - (ii) 12-17
 - (iii) 0-11
- 3.6** All Entrants under the age of 18 must have the permission of their parent/s or guardian/ s to enter the Competition
- 3.7** All Entrants or the parent/ s or guardian/ s of Entrants must read these Terms and the Competition guidance
- 3.8** To enter the Competition, you must:
- (i) email your original piece of no more than 30 lines to hello@diverseartistsnetwork.com by no later than midnight on the 12 September 2025
 - (ii) include your age and 'I Have a Dream' in the email subject heading.

- 3.9** Only one Entry per Applicant is allowed.
- 3.10** The Promoters will choose the Winning Entries at their complete discretion, alongside a judging panel (“Panel”).
- 3.11** The Entries will be judged by the Panel on creativity, how well they fit the theme and how well the poem has been written. In all matters, the Promoters’ and Panel’s decision will be final (see section 6).
- 3.12** The nine Entries that best fit the theme (the “Winning Entries”) will each win a Prize (as defined in section 4 below).
- 3.13** Winning Entries may be displayed and used for marketing. The entrant’s first name and age will be announced on social media and on the Promoters’ websites. If you do not wish this data to be shared, you should make this explicit in your entry email.

4 PRIZE

- 4.1** There will be nine Winning Entries, three for each age category.
- 4.2** Each Winning Entry may be publicised and displayed via any or all of the Promoters’ public facing channels.
- 4.3** Winning Entries in each category will receive the following prizes:
 - (i) **18+**
 - first prize = £100
 - second prize = a book token + free tickets to a local event
 - third prize = a book token
 - (ii) **12-17**
 - first prize = £75
 - second prize = a book token + free tickets to a local event
 - third prize = a book token
 - (iii) **0-11**
 - first prize = £50
 - second prize = a book token + free tickets to a local event
 - third prize = a book token
- 4.4** All Winning Entrants may have the opportunity to perform their work live at various poetry events in Bristol.
- 4.5** The Promoters reserve the right to decide on and substitute the Prizes for alternatives without any notice or explanation.
- 4.6** All incidental expenses and costs associated with accepting, receiving, and using the awarded Prizes, including travel expenses, are solely the Prize winner’s responsibility.

5 WINNERS

- 5.1** Authors of the Winning Entries will be contacted via the email addresses they provided when entering the Competition.

- 5.2** If any Winner cannot be contacted or does not claim the Prize within five days of notification, the Promoters reserve the right to withdraw the Prize from the Winner and to choose a replacement.

6 FINAL DECISION

- 6.1** In all matters, The Promoters' and Panel's decision will be final, and no correspondence or discussion shall be entered into with you or any other party on your behalf regarding the process or details of such decision.

7 INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

- 7.1** The authors of each Entry retain full copyright of their work. By submitting any Entry to the Competition, you agree to grant the Promoters perpetual, royalty-free, non-exclusive, sub-licensable rights and worldwide license to use, reproduce, modify, adapt, publish, translate, create derivative works from, distribute, perform, display and exercise all publicity rights concerning your Entry, and/ or to incorporate your Entry in other works, including any media now known or later developed for the entire term of any rights that may exist in your Entry.

8 YOUR LIABILITY TO US AND YOUR STATUTORY RIGHTS

- 8.1** You agree to fully reimburse the Promoters and their partners against all actions, proceedings, costs, damages, expenses, penalties, claims, demands and liabilities arising from or in connection with any breach by you of these Terms.
- 8.2** Nothing contained in these Terms shall affect any statutory rights which you may be entitled to as a consumer.
- 8.3** The Promoters (including its partners) shall not be liable for any direct, indirect or consequential loss or damage or for any costs, claims or demands of any nature arising directly or indirectly from using your Entry or any part thereof.

9 GOVERNING LAW

- 9.1** These Terms and Conditions are governed by and construed in accordance with English Law and shall be subject to the exclusive jurisdiction of the English Courts.

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