

Coventry Peace Festival 2020

Positive Images Poetry Competition

NEIGHBOURS

What does being a good neighbour mean? Who or what do we consider our neighbours to be, and just as importantly, who doesn't feel part of a neighbourhood? These are age-old questions that have become even more relevant during recent times. We've all heard the wonderful stories of volunteers picking up prescriptions and food for those who are shielding during the Coronavirus and many of us will be familiar with the instruction 'love thy neighbour' but this poetry competition is an invite to get creative and really explore the theme of Neighbours.

Our judges are looking for an original take on the theme, don't try and cover everything in one poem – be specific and avoid clichés. The quality of poems increases each year so we are really looking forward to reading your poetic offerings on this theme.

"It's very important to know the neighbour next door and the people down the street and the people in another race."

Maya Angelou

"It is easy to believe we are each waves and forget we are also the ocean."

Jon J. Muth

The competition runs from the 1st October to the 31st October 2020.

Entries must be emailed to: **positiveimagesfest@yahoo.com** along with your full name, your name as you would like it to appear in print (if this is different to your full name), address, email address and telephone number.

Winners will be announced at a celebratory event in November 2020. This will be an online event. Three prizes will be awarded for first-place, a runners up and a highly commended entry. We will also be producing a booklet and the judges will select poems to appear alongside the winners.



FURTHER DETAILS

Competition Dates: Entries can be submitted between the 1st and the 31st October 2020. Entries submitted after the closing date will not be considered.

Poem Length: No more than 40 lines excluding the title and breaks between stanzas.

Number of Entries: A maximum of three entries per person.

Poem Format: All entries must be in English and must be emailed in Word format. No other formats will be considered.

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Prizes: All entrants must be 16 years or over.

Winner: £100 **Runner Up:** £60 **1 Highly Commended:** £30

Entrants Names and Address: All entries must be accompanied by the author's name, address and an email address and a telephone number.

Notification: All entries will be acknowledged and participants will be invited to an Awards Event. Due to the Covid 19 situation this will be on-line. Winners and Runners-up will be announced at the Awards Event on the 21st November 2020.

Awards Ceremony

This will take place on-line, starting at 1.00pm Saturday 21st November 2020. All entrants attending will have the opportunity if they wish, to read one of their entries submitted to the Competition.

Publication of Poems

The Winners and Runners Up and the best of the Competition entries, as agreed by the Judging Panel, will have their entries published in the Chatterbox Magazine and on the Positive Images Festival website www.positiveimagesfestival.co.uk

In addition, one entry per person as agreed by the Judging Panel, will feature in Poetry Competition booklet which will be available early in 2021. All entries to the Competition will be entitled to three copies of the booklet at no charge, once the booklet has been published.

The Positive Images Festival accepts no liability for mistakes made in the printing of the free booklet.

Judging Panel

The panel will comprise of three people led by poets Emilie Lauren Jones and Kate Hills. The decision of the Judging Panel will be final and no correspondence will be entered into, regarding the competition.

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By entering your poem into this competition, you agree that your poem will be published on the Positive Images Festival Website and social media, in the Chatterbox Magazine and in the printed poetry booklet. Entrants will retain the copyright of their work.