

ELIGIBILITY

1. **Open Competition** - Entry is open to anyone over the age of 16 years by the closing date, who is resident, working, studying or born in Sussex.
2. **Young Students Competition (Free Entry)** - Entry is open to all students currently attending courses, up to the closing date of the competition which is midnight UK time on Sunday October 20th 2019. Proof of study will be required.
3. Entries may be on any subject provided they are in English and have not previously been published in any form including on the internet.
4. Entries should not be submitted to other competitions or for publication until the results are announced at the BHAC Poetry Festival.
5. The Executive Committee of Brighton & Hove Arts Council are not eligible to enter.
6. The competition closing date is Sunday 20th October 2019 (Midnight UK time). Poems received after this date will not be accepted – entry monies will be refunded.

CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

7. Each poem should have a title and not exceed 40 lines. It can be on any theme or subject.
8. Each poem to be on a separate sheet. There is no limit to the number of entries.
9. Please do NOT include your name on the actual poem. All poems are judged anonymously.
10. The fee is £6 for the first poem and £4 per additional poem. Young Students competition is free entry.
11. Winners will be required to take part in any publicity surrounding the Competition.
12. The Prizes will be given out at the Poetry Festival at The Old Market on November 24th.
13. Hollie McNish has kindly agreed to give out the prizes.
14. Entries will not be returned so please keep a copy.

THE JUDGING

15. The judge for the BHAC Poetry Competition will be Dr Jess Moriarty MA - who is course leader of creative writing at the University of Brighton.
16. The judge's decision is final and neither the judge nor Brighton & Hove Arts Council will enter into any correspondence.
17. Overall winners will be notified in November 2019. The exact nature of their win will be announced in full at the Awards Ceremony which will take place at the Old Market, Hove on Sunday November 24th. Winners will be invited to read their poems on stage and given free entry to the festival; pre-purchased tickets will be refunded.
18. Copyright remains with the author, however, winning poems will be published on Brighton & Hove Arts Council's website.