



Home Words

Celebrating multilingual Birmingham

Write a word which you **use at home**, that not everyone would understand. The word should be important or meaningful to you.

My Word

Meaning (in your own words):

Why is this word important or meaningful to you? Tell us the story behind your word.

Support

Your word might be...

- A word from your home language (e.g. Urdu, Somali, Gaelic, French)
- A word specific to the local area (e.g. Brummie, Black Country dialect)
- A word specific to one of your hobbies (e.g. gaming, sport, art)

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Home Words is a campaign delivered by the National Literacy Trust in Birmingham throughout the city. We are creating a big list of 'home words' shared by young people aged 9+ and adults. We have asked local poets to write poems using these words – to celebrate the beautiful diversity of languages spoken in Birmingham.

We'd like to use your word in the campaign – and so need to know a few details about you.

First name	
Surname	
Email address (If you have one and are happy to share!)	
Age Category	<input type="checkbox"/> 9-12 Years <input type="checkbox"/> 13-15 Years <input type="checkbox"/> 16-18 Years <input type="checkbox"/> Adult
Name of school or organisation (If relevant)	
School year group (If relevant)	

We would like to celebrate your word, and the story behind it, by:

- Asking poets to write poems using the word
- Sharing it online (on social media, our website and partners' websites)
- Displaying the word at the Birmingham Rep and other partner venues
- Reading the word and story aloud at our events
- Quoting from your word and story in write-ups for media and academic journals

Consent to share:

- I consent for you to celebrate my word and its story in these ways - and please do reference my name and/or organisation
- I consent for you to celebrate my word and its story in these ways - but please do not reference my name and/or organisation
- I do not consent for you to share my word and its story

To share your word(s) with us, either:

- Fill in the online form, using the link from the QR code: <https://literacytrust.tfaforms.net/5157041> (This option saves us a lot of time, so is the preferred method!)
- Scan or photograph both sides of this worksheet and email to birmingham@literacytrust.org.uk (Teachers and group leaders: this may be the easiest way to send multiple sheets!)
- Email birmingham@literacytrust.org.uk to ask for a postal address.



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