

West Yorkshire Young Poet Laureate

Competition Terms & Conditions

These terms and conditions apply to The West Yorkshire Young Poet Laureate Competition. The promoter is the National Literacy Trust.



- a) The eligible age for entries to this competition is students aged between ages **8 to 9 (Year 4)** and **13 to 14 (Year 9)**. Entrants must have parental/guardian permission. Entries will be judged in the two different age groups: **Year 4 and Year 9**.
- b) The competition is open to all primary and secondary schools in West Yorkshire.
- c) The closing date for entries is the **20th of December**. Entries entered after the deadline will not be considered by the judges.
- d) Entries are to be submitted by an entrant's school as files or scans to young.writers@literacytrust.org.uk
- e) Each entrant may submit only one poem.
- f) Each school may submit a maximum of six poems from each participating year group.
- g) Poems may not be edited after they are submitted.
- h) Poems must have written by the author themselves without the use of AI (eg. ChatGPT).
- i) Poems with joint authorship are ineligible (this excludes translations of poems submitted in a language other than English).
- j) Submitted poems must be the entrant's original work (this excludes translations of poems submitted in a language other than English).
- k) Eligible entries are poems in written or video format.

- l) Poems in all languages, including BSL are accepted. Entries featuring a language other than English must include an English translation.
- m) One entry in each of the two categories will be chosen by a judging panel that includes a group of local professional poets, Tracy Brabin, Mayor of West Yorkshire, and the National Poet Laureate Simon Armitage. The shortlist will be announced the week commencing 20th of January. The winning two schools and young poets will be appointed at an exclusive event in September 2025
- n) The winning West Yorkshire Young Poet Laureates will have the opportunity to work with the West Yorkshire Mayor Tracy Brabin and the National Poet Laureate Simon Armitage, attend several key cultural events across the region, write poems to commission, have their work promoted and amplified by West Yorkshire Combined Authority and partners, and inspire a new generation of poets and creatives. They will be in post for one year following their appointments.

National Literacy Trust's general terms and conditions for competitions shall apply, as below:

1. Competitions are free of charge to enter.
2. Entries must be submitted by a member of the school staff supplying their full contact details.
3. No responsibility is accepted for entries lost, damaged, or delayed as a result of any network, computer hardware, or software failure of any kind. Proof of entry will not be accepted as proof of receipt.
4. There will not be a notification of receipt for entries.
5. Appointments are non-transferable. However, in the event of unforeseen circumstances, the promoter reserves the right to appoint a new Young Poet Laureate.
6. Winning schools will be notified using the contact details supplied for entry and asked to acknowledge the notification.
7. If we do not receive confirmation of acceptance within 28 days of notification the appointment will be forfeited and a new winning young poet will be selected.
8. By accepting an appointment the winning school will consent to their success being publicly announced by the National Literacy Trust in newsletters, on our website and those of any competition partners, and in other media. You will never be approached directly by a journalist. The National Literacy Trust will contact

winning schools to seek consent to publish the names and photographs of winning students.

9. By taking part in this competition, all entrants will be deemed to have accepted and be bound by these terms and conditions.
10. Contact details provided for entering the competition will be managed according to our privacy policy which can be found here:
literacytrust.org.uk/information/privacy-policy
11. The National Literacy Trust may in their absolute discretion modify, amend, cancel, or suspend these terms and conditions at any time if they deem necessary or if circumstances arise beyond their control.
12. The National Literacy Trust reserves the right in its absolute discretion to disqualify from this competition any entrant who they believe has not complied with these terms and conditions or acted in good faith.
13. The promoters' decisions are final in all matters relating to this competition and no correspondence will be entered into.
14. These terms and conditions shall be governed by the laws of England and Wales and are subject to the exclusive jurisdiction of the English courts.