

Poetry in Motion Schools Programme 2022/2023: “ALL WRITE NOW”

Calling all young poets and their schools across the island.

[Community Arts Partnership](#)'s celebrated schools creative writing programme, which began in 2000, is still thriving. Even during the pandemic, it has continued to engage hundreds of pupils of all ages and their teachers in a successful annual poetry programme culminating in a celebratory event, the launch of an anthology to be called “All Write Now”, and the presentation of the ninth Seamus Heaney Award for Achievement.

Poetry in Motion Schools is open to all schools across the island of Ireland: primary, post primary, special school, preparatory, hospital schools and so on. It is a fully-resourced programme supported by National Lottery funding from our principal funder, The Arts Council of Northern Ireland and with support from the DFA in the South. Whilst we have a top team of the absolute best poetry facilitators (all producing poets themselves) from across the country, we are glad to be able to rely on the goodwill and enthusiasm of teachers and the participation of their pupils.

Before the pandemic, our poet facilitators went into schools to offer a series of poetry workshops. For the past two years, the programme has been digital. The format of Poetry in Motion Schools for 2022/2023 is likely to be hybrid; this will be determined by our local circumstances in Autumn 2022.

More than 22,000 young poets have participated in this programme, which began in 2000. Since 2014, Poetry in Motion Schools has offered the Seamus Heaney Award for Achievement, warmly endorsed by the Heaney Family themselves.

Poetry in Motion Schools aims to develop the creative abilities of young people and encourages them to use their creative imaginations. It introduces participants to poetic devices and to a wide range of poetic forms. Poetry in Motion Schools workshops consist of fun, joyful activities which foster self-expression and self-confidence. The programme encourages the participation of all young people and gives them opportunities to have their voices heard.

Have a look at the launch of last year's anthology [here](#)

We believe in the power of poetry, creativity and the imagination to give hope and a sense of positive possibility even in such difficult times.

To reCAP:

1. 30 fully funded opportunities to participate, supported principally by Arts Council of N Ireland, (18 in the South, funded by DFA)
2. Hybrid facilitation with remote and (potential) face-to-face engagement with your poet-facilitator
3. Easily accessible, additional digital resources to support and guide teachers and pupils alike.
4. Guaranteed inclusion of your school in the subsequent ALL WRITE NOW anthology, to be published March 2023.
5. Guaranteed consideration of your school's submitted work for the Seamus Heaney Award for Achievement
6. Free copies of anthologies for your contributors to the anthology publication in your school
7. Opportunity to take part in gala celebration event in March 2023
8. Recognition of all schools taking part with plaques and perhaps even awards.
9. Increased profile for your school in local and national media
10. Tremendous boost to the creative confidence of your students and indeed teachers.

Closing date for applications:

All you need to do is complete the Form below and submit it by **Friday, June 24th at 5 pm**. We will contact schools before the end of this term to confirm if they have secured a place.

Please email Poetry in Motion coordinator Shelley Tracey if you have any questions. shelleyt@capartscentre.com

Link to form

Good luck

FORM

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