Entry Form

Name

Address

Postcode

Country

Phone

Email

Aged 11-17* ☐ Yes (Entry is free)

Resident or born in the Channel Islands* ☐ Yes ☐ No

**age and residence on 15th January 2027*

Entry Details

Title of poem:

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Payment Details

I enclose ☐ poem(s) at £5 per poem (£12 for 3)

☐ Cheque/postal order in sterling (GBP) made out to 'GLF - Poems on the Move' enclosed

Please note that you can also enter your poem online at **www.poemsonthemove.com**

☐ I would like to be added to the Guernsey International Poetry Competition mailing list

☐ I would like to be added to the Guernsey Literary Festival mailing list to receive further information about future Festivals

Rules

Closing date for receipt of entries: 15 January 2027 23:59 BST

Submission Format

- **No more than 14 lines per poem.**
- Enter online or by post. Email entries will not be accepted.
- Poems must be written in English.
- Submissions must fit on a single A4 page in Word or PDF format.
- Do not include your name, or any identifying details on the document itself, as entries are judged anonymously.
- You may enter as many poems as you like.
- Entry fees are non-refundable.
- For postal entries, enter each poem on an individual page and provide your contact details separately, along with the title(s) of your poems.

Eligibility

- Entries must be entirely the work of the entrant and must not have been published, self-published, posted online, shared on social media, broadcast or previously won or placed in another competition before 15 March 2027.
- Not open to anyone involved in organising the competition.
- Poems created, substantially edited or enhanced using ChatGPT or any other AI text-generation tool are not eligible.
- Anyone who turns 18 on or before 15 January 2027 must compete in the Open category.
- The Channel Islands category is open to anyone born in, or currently resident in, the Channel Islands.
- Any entries not following the rules of entry will be disqualified.

Copyright & Rights

- Authors retain copyright of their work. By entering, you grant the Guernsey International Poetry Competition the right to publish winning poems in the 2027 Poems on the Move Exhibition, website and related promotional material.

Results & Prizes

- All winners will be notified by 15 March 2027 and the Winners' List will be published on the competition website and social media. All prize money will be paid in sterling.

For full competition terms and conditions and FAQs, please visit **www.poemsonthemove.com**.

Contact

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GUERNSEY INTERNATIONAL POETRY COMPETITION 2027

Judge: Clare Pollard



GUERNSEY LITERARY FESTIVAL

Poems *on the move*

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Guernsey International Poetry Competition 2027

The Guernsey Literary Festival invites poets from around the world to enter the Guernsey International Poetry Competition 2027.

Now in its 15th year, the competition welcomes everyone from first-time writers to established poets. With no set theme, we're looking for powerful short poems of no more than 14 lines.

This year's competition will be judged by award-winning poet, novelist and playwright **Clare Pollard**. Our past judges include Andrew Motion, Simon Armitage, Jackie Kay, Imtiaz Dharker, John Agard and Paul Muldoon.

Winning poems will be brought to life through Poems on the Move, appearing on Guernsey's buses, at the airport, harbour and in other prominent public locations, bringing poetry to thousands of islanders and visitors. With three categories, Open Poetry, Channel Islands Poetry and Young People's Poetry, there's a place for poets of every age and background to enter.

Categories

Open Poetry
Open to poets worldwide.
Entry: £5 per poem or 3 poems for £12.

Channel Islands Poetry†
Aged 18 and over who were born in or are resident* in the Channel Islands.
Entry: £5 per poem or 3 poems for £12.

Young People's Poetry
Aged 11–17.*
Entry: FREE.

Age and residence as of **15 January 2027.*

†Entries in the Channel Islands and Young People's categories are automatically entered into the Open category.

Judge - Clare Pollard



Clare Pollard is an award-winning poet, novelist and playwright based in London.

She published her first poetry collection, *The Heavy-Petting Zoo*, at the age of 19 and has since published six collections with Bloodaxe Books, most recently *Lives of the Female Poets*.

Clare's play *The Weather* premiered at the Royal Court Theatre. She has translated numerous works, including *Ovid's Heroines* and *The Sea-Migrations* by Asha Lul Mohamud Yusuf, which received a PEN Translates Award.

Clare is Poetry Editor of *The Idler* and former editor of *Modern Poetry in Translation*. Her acclaimed novel *Delphi* was followed by *The Modern Fairies*, winner of the 2025 Tadeusz Bradecki Prize. Her children's novel, *The Othernauts*, was published by Bonnier in June 2026, with a second edition scheduled for publication in February 2027. She is a Fellow of the Royal Society of Literature.

Jonathan Edwards, our filter judge, is author of *My Family and Other Superheroes* (Seren, 2014) and received the Costa Poetry Award and the Wales Book of the Year People's Choice Award. It was shortlisted for the Fenton Aldeburgh First Collection Prize. His second collection, *Gen* (Seren, 2018), also received the Wales Book of the Year People's Choice Award, and in 2019 his poem about Newport Bridge was shortlisted for the Forward Prize for Best Single Poem. His third collection, *Talk of the Town*, is published in October 2026.

Guernsey Literary Festival 2027

Set against Guernsey's spectacular coastline and vibrant cultural scene, the Guernsey Literary Festival is one of the Channel Islands' leading literary events.

The 2027 Festival runs from **23 April to 2 May**, offering an exciting programme of authors, poets, workshops, performances and family events.

We invite you to join us for the International Poetry Competition Winners' Reading during the Guernsey Literary Festival.

For more information visit **www.guernseyliteraryfestival.com**.

Prizes

Open Category	Channel Islands	Young People's
1st prize £1000	**1st prize £250**	**1st prize £250**
2nd place £500	**2nd place £50**	**2nd place £50**
3rd place £250	**3rd place £30**	**3rd place £30**

Poems on the Move Exhibitions 2027

The three prize winners in each category will have their poems displayed on Guernsey buses, with nine finalist poems also exhibited at Guernsey Airport.

A further 12 poems will be selected for display in public locations across the island including at Guernsey Harbour.

With thanks to Guernsey Arts, Guernsey Ports and Stagecoach Guernsey for supporting the displays.

How to enter

Entries are £5 per poem or 3 poems for £12.
Young People's Poetry: FREE.
Fees are non refundable.

1. **ONLINE:** Submit your entry and pay securely online at **www.poemsonthemove.com**.
2. **BY POST:** Poems on the Move 2027, PO Box 174, St Peter Port, Guernsey, Channel Islands, GY1 3LG.

For postal submissions, send your typed poems, printed individually on A4 paper. Enclose £5 per poem (£12 for 3) cheque/postal order in sterling (GBP), made payable to 'GLF - Poems on the Move' with the sender's name and address on the back.

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