

Entry Form

Name _____

Address _____

Post Code _____

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 2026.*

Entry Details

Title of poem:

1 _____

2 _____

3 _____

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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.

Poems *on the move*

Rules

- **Maximum length 14 lines**
- **Entries should be in English, typed or submitted online in Word or PDF format, and fit on a single A4 page.**

The prize is open to anyone except those involved in organising the competition. Entries must be entirely the work of the entrant and must never have been published, self-published, published on any public website or broadcast, nor winning or placed in any other competition, as of 15th March 2026.

You may send as many entries as you like. Payments must be made by cheque, postal order, or online. Cheques should be from a UK bank and made payable to 'GLF - Poems on the Move' with the sender's name and address on the back.

- **Please DO NOT write your name, age or residency in the same document as your poems, as they will be judged anonymously.**

Enter each poem (with title) on an individual page. Separately, enter online in the spaces provided (or enclose) your name, address, telephone number, email address, plus the title(s) of your poems. Winners will be contacted by 15th March 2026. Winning poems will be rotated on Guernsey buses. The top nine poems will become part of a second roving exhibition, for no less than six months.

Entry fees are non-refundable. All prize money will be paid in sterling.

Closing date for receipt of entries: 15th January 2026

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GUERNSEY INTERNATIONAL POETRY COMPETITION 2026

Judge:
John Agard



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Poems
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Guernsey International Poetry Competition - Poems on the Move

Your poem could be on show across Guernsey!

The Guernsey Literary Festival, in partnership with Guernsey Arts and generous supporters, presents a competition that could deliver your work to thousands of readers.

Winning poems will be displayed in high-profile public spaces across the island – including Guernsey Airport, Harbours, and buses.

Each poem must be no longer than 14 lines and must fit on a single A4 page.

How to enter

Entries are £5 per poem or 3 poems for £12.

Fees are not refundable.

Young People's Poetry: entries FREE.

1. **ONLINE:** by completing the online entry form and payment.
2. **BY EMAIL:** PotM@guernseyliteraryfestival.com
PayPal invoice/direct transfer details can be sent via email.
3. **BY POST:** PoemsontheMove2026,
Guernsey Literary Festival, PO Box 174, St Peter Port,
Guernsey, Channel Islands, UK, GY1 3LG

For postal submissions, please send your typed poems, printed individually on A4 paper. Enclose £5 per poem (£12 for 3) cheque/ postal order in sterling (GBP), made out to 'GLF - Poems on the Move'.

Judge - John Agard

John Agard is a nationally and internationally acclaimed poet, playwright, short story writer, and performer, who over his long career has become known and loved for his playful, witty style and charismatic performances.

In 2021, he was awarded the BookTrust Lifetime Achievement for his outstanding contribution to literature, and has previously been awarded the Queen's Gold Medal for Poetry, the Smarties Book Prize, and many more. He is a Fellow of the Royal Society of Literature and is studied on the National Curriculum in GCSE English. Based in East Sussex, John continues to travel the world, performing at literary festivals and delighting audiences with his signature blend of thought-provoking themes, exhilarating wordplay, and infectious humour. John Agard appears at the Guernsey Literary Festival courtesy of Renaissance One. www.renaissanceone.co.uk

Filter judge **Jonathan Edwards** has published two collections of poetry, *My Family and Other Superheroes* and *Gen*, both with Seren. He has received the Costa Poetry Award, and twice received the Wales Book of the Year People's Choice Award.



Guernsey Literary Festival 2026

Guernsey is an exceptional and inspiring location for a literary festival with an abundance of natural beauty and a thriving Arts scene. The 2026 Guernsey Literary Festival takes place from 24th April – 3rd May 2026.

The festival offers a varied and energetic celebration of literature with something for everyone – from working writers to families looking for a fun day out. For more information on events in 2026 visit guernseyliteraryfestival.com.

We invite you to join us for the International Poetry Competition Winners' Reading on Friday 1st May 2026.



Categories

Open Poetry

Entries £5 per poem or enter 3 poems for £12.

Channel Islands' Poetry[†]

Ages 18 and over, born or resident* in the Channel Islands.

Entries £5 per poem or enter 3 poems for £12.

Young People's Poetry[†]

Aged 11-17*.

Entry free.

**age and residence on 15th January 2026.*

†Poems submitted in the Channel Islands and Young People's category are also automatically entered into the Open category.

Prizes and Opportunities

Three finalists in each category, and a further 12 poems for the Guernsey bus and harbour exhibition will be selected by the judge. The judge's decision is final.

Poems on the Move Exhibition 2026

Nine finalists, three from each category will be displayed at Guernsey Airport.

Poems on the Buses/Guernsey Harbours Exhibition 2026

All nine finalists, and a further 12 poems from all categories will be displayed on Guernsey buses and at Guernsey Harbours.

Thanks to Guernsey Ports, Stagecoach Guernsey, and Guernsey Arts for supporting the public display of the competition's winning work.

Open Category	Channel Islands Category	Young People's Category
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

All winners will be invited to the Winners' Reading and awards event on 1st May 2026, with an opportunity to read their poem.