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Mother Tongue Other Tongue 2017

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Closing deadline

24th May 2017

The Regional and National
Celebration Event will be held on
Wednesday 5th July 2017



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The Competition

A multilingual poetry competition that celebrates cultural diversity and the many languages spoken in schools across the North West of England.

Routes into Languages North West and the Manchester Children's Book Festival invites young writers to send in their poetry and verse for this free-to-enter multilingual poetry competition.

The competition is led by the Poet Laureate, Carol Ann Duffy and is this year's Laureate Education Project.

It is endorsed by British Boxer Amir Khan, who has said:

“ **I think it's important to encourage more pupils in school to learn a language and this competition is a great way to boost children's confidence.** ”



**FREE to enter. Open to 8 – 18 year olds (Year 4 to Year 13)
Deadline for entries 24th May 2017**

Mother Tongue

A Mother Tongue entry will be in two parts. Children who do not have English as a first language, or who speak a different language at home should submit a creative poem or song from their mother tongue in any language other than English. This can be an original, creative piece or a poem or song that is 'remembered' – i.e. something the pupil recalls or has been told by a relative.

The second part of the Mother Tongue entry is a short explanation of the inspiration behind the piece, where it comes from and why it is important to the person submitting it (no more

than half a page). This part must be written in English and is the part the entry will be judged on.

Other Tongue

An Other Tongue entry should be an original poem written in a language learned at school and not the first language of the person writing it. In the North West region entries can be submitted in French, German, Spanish, Italian, Arabic, Urdu and Mandarin.

For both parts of the competition, judging is based on the written work and not the artwork. However, we usually have many beautifully illustrated entries and

encourage pupils to consider the presentation of their work.

Submitting your Entries

Entries should be submitted by post only - sorry we are unable to accept email entries. All entries must reach us by the 24th May 2017.

Each entry must be accompanied by a cover sheet (entries without a cover sheet cannot be accepted). The cover sheet is available to download here: mmu.ac.uk/mothertongueothertongue/how-to-enter/

We can only accept up to four entries for Mother Tongue and up to four entries for Other Tongue, from each school.

See the Mother Tongue Other Tongue website for further details and to download the cover sheet for entries, promotional materials, workshop ideas and resources: mmu.ac.uk/mothertongueothertongue

Or email: mtot@mmu.ac.uk for more information and to request printed promotional materials.

