



North East Trust for Aphasia

The Power of Words – a poetry competition

This is your invitation to enter the **NETA POETRY COMPETITION** on the theme of **COMMUNICATION** in its broadest sense

£100 in book tokens for the winning poem

Are you someone with a love of communication?

If you are then you will appreciate the huge impact it has when powers of communication are abruptly diminished or lost.

The North East Trust for Aphasia (NETA) is a regional, self-funding charity, supporting people who have acquired aphasia, caused by a stroke or other brain trauma.

People with aphasia have problems with a combination of understanding words, speaking, reading and writing. Not only does our charity support people with aphasia but also works to raise awareness of what can be a very isolating condition.

The NETA Support Centre offers professionally coordinated support to people with aphasia and their families. The Support Centre provides a range of group and social activities (including poetry), often led by the members, and aimed at building confidence and increasing participation. Please see our website: www.neta.org.uk to learn more about us. Our aim with this competition is to raise awareness of aphasia and funds to help our important work, supporting people with aphasia.

**Please see the attached for full details of the competition
and how to enter**

We very much look forward to receiving your inspired poetry. Thank you for your time and interest.

NETA's Power of Words Poetry Competition

Guidance and Conditions

There is no entry fee for this competition. We would like to receive your inspirational poems about communication. However, as a small charity which raises all its own funds, **NETA suggests that you consider making a small donation**. Our suggestion would be £10. These donations will go towards NETA's work supporting people with aphasia. However, this is entirely voluntary.

Donations can be made via JustGiving (<https://www.justgiving.com/neta>) or via sending a cheque to NETA (c/o Speech and Language Sciences, King George VI Building, Newcastle University, Queen Victoria Road, Newcastle, NE1 7RU).

Rules: General

We recommend that all entrants read the rules carefully before entering the competition.

1. The competition is open to anyone aged 18 or over at the time of entering.
2. The closing date of the competition is midnight, **Monday April 11th 2022**.
3. There is no limit on the number of entries a single entrant can make. All entries will be considered anonymously by the judges.
4. Entries will not be returned so please keep a copy.
5. Under no circumstances may alterations be made to poems once submitted.
6. Entries, made via email, will receive confirmation at the time of submission.
7. NETA staff are unable to confirm the content of documents submitted online, so please ensure that you send the correct version.
8. The competition organisers, NETA, reserve the right to change the judging panel without notice and to not award prizes if, in the judges' opinion, such an action is justified.
9. The judges read all of the entries; their decision is final. Neither the judges nor NETA staff will enter into any correspondence.
10. No current employee or Trustee of NETA is eligible to enter the Poetry Competition.

Rules: Poems

1. All entries are judged anonymously and **the poet's name must not appear on the poem itself.**
2. All poems must have a title **and must not exceed 30 lines in length (excluding title).**
3. Entries may be on any subject as long as related to **communication.**
4. Poems must be the entrant's original work and by submitting you are acknowledging this.
5. Entries must not have been published, self-published, published on a website or made public on social media, broadcast or featured among the winners in another competition at all.

Rules: Other

1. There will be one winner who will receive the £100 book tokens prize and 2 further commended poems.
2. Prize-winners will be notified by May 23rd 2022.
3. The winner will be expected to provide a biography and photograph for our website.
4. If you do not hear anything by the end of May then assume you have been unsuccessful BUT if you have provided an email address we will inform you of the competition results.
5. The copyright of each poem remains with the author. However, authors of the winning poems, by entering the competition, grant NETA the right in perpetuity to publish and/or broadcast their poem. Use of the poems elsewhere for one year from 11th April is subject to permission from NETA.

By submitting a poem, you are agreeing to the above conditions.

Entries to be submitted to janet.moss@neta.org.uk

Please do consider making a donation via JustGiving
(<https://www.justgiving.com/neta>)