

# Kings Heath Poetry Competition, Winter 2019

Kings Heath Business Improvement District ('Kings Heath BID') are pleased to announce our first ever Kings Heath Poetry Competition. You are invited to write a poem or poems of between 10 to 20 lines in length. The poem must have a link to Kings Heath, however tenuous.

## Prizes:

- **£75 – Kings Heath Poetry Competition 'Peoples' vote'** – The Judge will select a shortlist of 20 poems and the public can vote for their favourite poem on the Enjoy Kings Heath Facebook page and in various Kings Heath shops. The poem with the most votes wins
- **£75 – Kings Heath Poetry Competition Judge's selected winner** – poems are judged anonymously by a nominated judge from Cannon Poets – see <http://www.cannonpoets.org.uk/>

## Additional age category prizes

- **£20 in vouchers – the judge will choose the winner in the up to 11-year old category**
- **£20 in vouchers – the judge will choose the winner in the 12 to 14-year old category**
- **£30 in vouchers - the judge will choose the winner in the 15 to 17-year old category**

**Entry Fee:** There is NO entry fee

**Deadline for entries:** 5pm 1<sup>st</sup> February 2019

**Topic of poem:** All poems must have some reference to Kings Heath, however tenuous. Poems must be between 10 to 20 lines.

**Submission of poem:** post to 'Kings Heath BID, 1a Station Road, Kings Heath, Birmingham B14 7SR' or email to: [poetry@enjoykingsheath.com](mailto:poetry@enjoykingsheath.com) Please include your name and address on a separate sheet. If under 18, please provide age and name of school.

## The Judge for the competition

Di de Woolfson from Cannon Poets is the judge.

Di has written and read poetry for as long as she can remember. In the past few years she's studied poetry with the Open University and Manchester Metropolitan University and now belongs to a couple of writing groups, including Cannon Poets who meet in Moseley every month.

For five years she has been a judge for a young poets competition run by one of the schools where she lives.

She's had a selection of poems published in anthologies and magazines but mostly she's happy to write for her own pleasure.

**More information and the rules, can be seen at:** [www.enjoykingsheath.com](http://www.enjoykingsheath.com)

# THE RULES

## 1. General

- a. the Kings Heath Poetry Competition (the "Competition") is organised by Kings Heath Business Improvement District ("Kings Heath BID")
- b. the Competition is open to all and is FREE to enter.
- c. The deadline date for entries is 5pm on 1st February 2019. Postal entries postmarked 1st February but received later will be accepted.
- d. Poems must be between 10 and 20 lines. Title not included in the line count. Lines between text / stanzas are not counted.
- e. Poem must have some reference to Kings Heath, however tenuous
- f. Entrants can only submit up to three poems.
- g. All work submitted for consideration must be the entrant's own work and have not been published.
- h. All work must be typed or word-processed, clearly legible and written in English, preferable in Times New Roman font, size 12. Entrants should not include illustrations or artwork. Pages submitted by post should be paper-clipped or loose, so that they can be separated easily for photocopying/scanning.
- i. Entries will be accepted only by post or by e-mail.
- j. Postal entries will only be valid if accompanied by a sheet of paper giving the entrants name and address. Email entries should include the entrants name and address. In the case of under 18 year olds, we need to know that age on 1<sup>st</sup> February 2019 and which school or college they attend.
- k. Postal entrants should enclose a stamped, self-addressed envelope or postcard if they would like acknowledgement of entry; acknowledgement will normally be sent out within 28 days of entry, once the entry has been processed and checked.
- l. All entries will be assigned an ID number and made anonymous upon receipt. The judges will not be privy to entrants' names during the reading and judging process. Names will be reattributed to entries only after the short list and winners have been decided.
- m. Entries will not be returned under any circumstances. Correspondence requesting returns will not receive a response. Keep a copy of your poem.
- n. Kings Heath BID reserves the right to disqualify any entry if it has reasonable grounds to believe that the entrant has breached any of these Rules, or made a false declaration on the entry form.
- o. Kings Heath BID will act in accordance with current UK data protection legislation in relation to your personal data.

## 2. Judging and selection

- a. The judge will select a short-list of 20 poems from all the entries. The short-listed poems will then go forward to the 'Peoples' vote. The Judge will also select a winning entry.
- b. The short listed 20 poems will be announced on 15<sup>th</sup> February 2019 and published on the Enjoy Kings Heath Facebook page. Between 15<sup>th</sup> February and 5pm 1<sup>st</sup> March 2019, members of the public are invited to vote for their favourite poems. They can vote for more than one poem. The poem with the most votes by 5pm on 1<sup>st</sup> March 2019, will win the 'popular' vote prize.
- c. The short listed 20 poems will also be considered by the Judge. Their favourite poem will be selected on 1<sup>st</sup> March and announced thereafter.
- d. the Judge will also select the winning poems from entrants in the following age ranges: up to 11 years old; 12 to 14 years old; 15 to 17 year olds.
- e. Entrants may win more than one of the prizes.
- f. The judge's decision is final, and no correspondence will be entered into.
- g. All winners will be published in the June 2019 issue of *The Cannon's Mouth*. Winners will receive a free copy of the magazine.

## 3. Copyright

- a. Copyright for all poems remains with the author.
- b. Kings Heath BID reserves the right to use the winning and shortlisted poems for publicity purposes throughout 2019

## 4. Submitting the poems

- a. Postal entries should be typed or word processed and sent to: Kings Heath BID, 1a Station Road, Kings Heath, Birmingham B14 7SR before 1<sup>st</sup> February 2019.
- b. For emailed entries, please submit them as an attachment in any of the following formats: .doc .pdf .rtf or pasted straight onto the e-mail itself. Email entries should be sent to: [poetry@enjoykingsheath.com](mailto:poetry@enjoykingsheath.com)
- c. With all entries, please include your name and address. If you are under 18, please include your age on 1<sup>st</sup> February 2019 and your school/college.