



# The Seventh Ripon Poetry Festival

## 12-18 year-olds

### Poetry competition 2024

You are invited to submit your poems to the seventh annual Ripon Poetry Festival competition. They can be serious or funny, solemn or silly. And they can be on any subject you like. But if you are looking for inspiration – how about writing about Hope? The wars in Gaza and Ukraine, climate change, the cost of living, polluted rivers, the refugee crisis, plastic in the oceans – at the moment we could all do with a bit of Hope...

**£3 entry fee per poem**  
**Schools can enter up to 20 poems for just £20**

You can submit as many poems as you want.  
Maximum length for each poem is 45 lines. Poems must be your own work and should not have been previously published. All entries are judged anonymously, so please do not include your name on the same page as the poem.

**Closing date: 31 July 2024**



Name .....

Address .....

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Telephone .....

Email .....

Title(s) of poems submitted .....

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## How To Enter

You can send your entry by post (enclosing a cheque) to Ripon Poetry Festival, c/o 21 Wellington Street, Ripon HG4 1PH. Please make cheques payable to 'Ripon Poetry Festival'. You can e-mail your entry to [submissions@riponpoetryfestival.co.uk](mailto:submissions@riponpoetryfestival.co.uk). Or you can hand in your entry at the Little Ripon Bookshop and pay by cash, cheque, debit or credit-card.

## The Judges

**Caroline Matusiak** was one of the 2023 Ripon festival competition winners. Her collection of poetry 36 from Ripon, written on the local bus, is forthcoming. **Maggie Cobbett** is a former winner of the Swanwick Writers' Summer School Poetry Competition and a regular performer at Write-On! Ripon's open mic events. **Neive Young's** prize-winning poems have been published in three previous festival anthologies.

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