



Poetry Guidelines 2020

Guidelines for the Poetry writing competition

Open to ages 11 – 18 (KS3, KS4, KS5)

The theme for this year's poetry writing competition is '**2020 Vision for the World's Environment**'.

Entrants are invited to write a poem no longer than 25 lines in which they give their views and ideas about the theme.

Poems can explore the idea of '2020 Vision for the World's Environment' by using any form suitable i.e. rhyming couplets, free verse or sonnets.

Poems should include at least three of the devices below:

- Similes
- Metaphors
- Personification
- Alliteration
- Onomatopoeia
- Repetition
- Use of the five senses
- Rhyme
- Rhythm

Poems should:

- Be written in English
- Have a title
- Must be original
- Written in any font 12pt black
- Word document
- Single line spaced, except between stanzas

Poems will be considered for the short list if they:

- address the topic
- hang together to create a whole
- illustrate its message
- respect the language convention

Inclusion within a published anthology

Youth in Excellence will publish an anthology featuring shortlisted entries. All shortlisted entrants will receive a copy with further copies available to buy.

The overall winner will receive a certificate and award!

The previous year's anthologies on the themes of 'Identity' and 'War and Peace' are available to purchase online at www.youthinexcellence.com/the-anthology along with examples of previous work.

Competition opens on 20th November 2019 and closes on 21st March 2020

Enquiries and completed entries should be emailed to:-

competition@youthinexcellence.com

Please include name of poet, age, location and contact details in your email.