



"The Poetry Society is at the heart of poetry in education, nurturing the relationships between poets, pupils and teachers with care, vision and flair."

Carol Ann Duffy, Poet Laureate

EDUCATION

NEW Schools Network
Education Package
Solo School Membership
Awards & competitions
Posters & publications
Youth membership
Poets in Schools
Poetryclass Inset
Lesson Plans



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“BRINGING POETRY TO LIFE”

A DYNAMIC COMMUNITY OF POETS, TEACHERS AND YOUNG PEOPLE

The **Poetry Society** has been at the forefront of poetry in education since it was established a century ago. Our training programmes, teacher resources, publications and young people's competitions, provide inspiration and support to teachers and their students.

BUILDING CONFIDENCE AND EXPERTISE

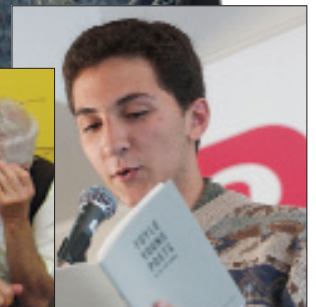
The Poetry Society can help build up your confidence and expertise in teaching poetry across the curriculum. **Individual school or 'Solo' membership** provides books, magazines, posters, online resources and a free 'poets in schools' consultancy service. In 2009, the Society helped organise over 200 workshops, led by professional poets, in schools across the UK.

CREATING A PLATFORM

Every year Poetry Society competitions help thousands of young writers realise their creative potential. The **Foyle Young Poets Award** draws 14,000 entries from young people aged between 11-17. The Poetry Society's **SLAMBassadors** championship, run in partnership with local youth groups and regional and national arts organisations, has created a national platform for young performance poets.

NEW: SCHOOLS NETWORK EDUCATION PACKAGE

Our newly launched **Schools Network Education Package** offers a tailored range of benefits to clusters of schools. This combines all the advantages of Solo membership with the additional benefits of **Poetryclass** Inset training and **poet visits** across groups of schools, at substantial savings across the network. The package is based on economies of scale so the more schools that join the network, the bigger the saving.



POETRY IN THE CLASSROOM...

Encourages a more confident and critical approach to writing & analysing poetry

Demonstrates the relevance of poetry in young people's lives, taking poetry across subject areas

Works to the strengths of all young people – whether reading, writing, speaking or listening

Provides a therapeutic context for young people to make sense of their lives and experiences

Provides practical, real-life experience of using language

Inspires young people to be more creative and imaginative

Builds confidence and communication skills in performing work

Encourages self and peer assessment

Visit www.poetrysociety.org.uk or email education@poetrysociety.org.uk

NEW! SCHOOLS NETWORK EDUCATION PACKAGE

Our new Schools Network Education Package has been specially developed in consultation with teachers, advisers and other educational professionals, to extend the benefits of Poetry Society membership across wider clusters of schools. Packages can be specially tailored to the particular needs of each school network and we are able to work with groups of anything from 4-40+ schools. Your network will receive all the benefits of Schools' Solo Membership PLUS →→→

OPTION 1 MEMBERSHIP & POETRYCLASS INSET

Poetryclass Inset session for relevant subject teachers from each member school, led by professional poet educators. Prices start at £100 per school.*

OPTION 2 MEMBERSHIP & POET VISITS

Poet visits to all member schools, from one-day visits to longer term residencies. Prices start at £440 per school.*

OPTION 3 MEMBERSHIP, INSET & POET VISITS

Poetryclass Inset session for relevant subject teachers from each member school led by professional poet educators **PLUS poet visits to all member schools**. Prices start at £485 per school.*

OPTION 4 BESPOKE PACKAGE

We can also build a package to suit your requirements – for example, the poet visit in school could lead to an end of term celebration, a collective exhibition or anthology. The project can also be focused on generating entries to one of our young people's poetry competitions (see overleaf). Simply call to help us arrange a package at a price to suit you.

"The Poetry Society's new initiative is to be welcomed. Remembering the wise words of Robert Frost that poetry 'begins in delight and ends in wisdom', everyone who can should get behind their new Network Education Package."

Morag Styles, Reader in Children's Literature and Education, University of Cambridge



"The Poetry Society's new Schools Network Education Package is an excellent new, national initiative which will have the passionate support of all of us who care about the central position of poetry in education."

Carol Ann Duffy, Poet Laureate



"Working with the Poetry Society has inspired both teachers and pupils and has contributed to an improvement in results at GCSE."

Mary Kelso, School Improvement Officer, Liverpool



WHAT IS A NETWORK?

We understand that the way schools work together as 'networks' varies across the UK and can be anything from Neighbourhood Learning Networks, Specialist Schools, SEN or Gifted & Talented groups to whole Local Authorities. We can tailor a package of benefits to suit all these categories and more so simply contact us to discuss your particular needs. We can also help you form a network.

HOW DO I FIND OUT MORE AND SIGN UP?

Call the education team on 020 7420 9880 or send an email to education@poetrysociety.org.uk. We can discuss how to create a package that works for you.

*Prices are based on a network of 20 schools. Please note that the unit price per school will increase if there are fewer schools in the network sharing the cost. However, we are happy to design a package for any number of schools, from 4 to 40-plus. Please contact us for a bespoke quote.

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SOLO MEMBERSHIP

Primary or Secondary School 'Solo' Membership of the Poetry Society connects you and your students with the wider world of poetry. Membership benefits include →→→

FOUR SPECIALLY COMMISSIONED POETRY POSTERS of key poems for primary and secondary schools, selected in consultation with teachers and educators across the UK, beautifully illustrated by the best up and coming illustrators and artists.

FREE POETS IN SCHOOLS CONSULTANCY with guidance throughout the year on organising poet visits or residencies.

OUR PICK OF ANTHOLOGIES AND TEACHING BOOKS for use in the classroom. Receive our acclaimed books, *Jumpstart: Poetry in the Secondary School* or *The Poetry Book for Primary Schools*, plus a leading anthology, such as *Under the Moon & Over the Sea: A Collection of Caribbean Poems* and *Voice Recognition: 21 Poets for the 21st Century*.

SIX "POEMS ON THE UNDERGROUND" POSTERS THREE TIMES A YEAR – London Underground's acclaimed poster series featuring poems by Yeats, Sassoon, Duffy, Blake, Rossetti, Zephaniah and many more.

IN ADDITION, SECONDARY SCHOOLS RECEIVE:

- Quarterly copies of leading magazine, *Poetry Review*, with new poems by the world's leading contemporary poets – plus online hints and tips for turning these into the focus of classroom activity.
- Quarterly copies of *Poetry News*, with news, features, competitions and events – your guide to what's happening in the world of poetry.

PRICE per annum SECONDARY **£58** PRIMARY **£40**

"Belonging to the Poetry Society has helped me feel part of a growing and dynamic community of poets, teachers and readers. The Foyle Young Poets and SLAMBassadors competitions have shown me two strikingly different ways that young people create poetry in the twenty-first century."

Sophie Breese, Teacher, St Paul's Girls' School, London



POETS IN SCHOOLS SERVICE

Poetry Society Member schools can take advantage of our expert Poets in Schools Consultancy service **free of charge**. Whether you are looking for a one-day visit or a long-term residency, we will talk through your needs – subject area, age of pupils, size of groups, budget, etc. and recommend the right poet to visit your school. We do the negotiations, then all you have to do is make the booking with the poet.

This service is also available for a fee to non-member schools, libraries, businesses and other institutions.

Email education@poetrysociety.org.uk or call 020 7420 9897

"Students appreciate poetry most, and achieve the best examination results, when they learn from early on how a poem works. Poets can offer a great deal of expertise to teachers in how to achieve this, not just through inspiration and insight, but also by suggesting tried and tested practical activities that actually work."

Jacqui Rowe, Poet Educator

POETRYCLASS INSET TRAINING

Poetryclass was set up in 2000 in conjunction with Department for Children, Schools and Families to support teachers in poetry teaching. Poetryclass offers tailored Inset days, led by poet-educators, which help teachers to develop effective learning strategies in the classroom and beyond. Teachers are encouraged to write and explore poetry, as well as trying out practical ideas and exercises for classroom use. Inset can be arranged for a fee in individual schools or is offered free as part of the Network Education Package.

The Poetryclass website also carries a range of adaptable resources which are made freely available to teachers, as well as further information about the scheme itself. www.poetryclass.net



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POETRY COMPETITIONS FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

Whether it's bringing poetry to life on the stage or on the page, our competitions appeal to the tastes and talents of all young people. Each year our **Foyle Young Poets of the Year Award** and **SLAMBassadors** championship inspire writing and performing of the highest quality. We offer resources, support and workshops to help generate entries and inspire teachers and young people.



The Poetry Society's SLAMBassadors championship showcases some of the best up and coming performance poets the UK has to offer. Slam is the competitive art of performance poetry before a loud and lively audience and the competition is now open to 12-18 year olds nationwide. SLAMBassadors runs in partnership with local youth groups and regional and national arts organisations and has featured prestigious judges and mentors such as Benjamin Zephaniah and Scroobius Pip. Winners take part in a Masterclass weekend at the Poetry Society with Slam Champion Joelle Taylor, then perform live at a prestigious venue in London each year. To find out how your school can get involved, visit <http://slam.poetrysociety.org.uk>

"Before SLAMBassadors I was getting excluded from school and was the biggest underachiever in my year group but this gave me a chance to excel and rise above that. It gave me confidence to perform on stage and do things that I would never have dreamt of."

Hussain Manawar, SLAMBassadors participant



FOYLE YOUNG POETS OF THE YEAR AWARD

The Foyle Young Poets of the Year Award receives poems from around 6,000 young poets per year and is recognised as the key award for young writers aged 11-17 in the UK and internationally. Prizes include a week at a prestigious Arvon writing centre run by top poets such as Lemn Sissay, Ian McMillan and Selima Hill, poet visits to winners' schools, poetry books, Poetry Society Youth

Membership, and an invitation to an exciting awards ceremony. We also stay in close contact with our Foyle alumni and aim to offer them ongoing professional development opportunities – such as work experience, paid internships and editorial positions. Competition deadline: 31 July. For more information go to www.foyleyoungpoets.org



"The Foyle Young Poets Awards are important beckoning points for younger writers. They recognise a poet's first adventures into a public space for their poetry."

Prof. David Morley, National Teaching Fellow, Warwick University

NATIONAL POETRY DAY

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National Poetry Day can be a wonderful focus for poetry activity in your school. It is celebrated annually on the first Thursday of October when the nation erupts in a fiesta of poetry events, with readings, slams, exhibitions, poetry marathons, and other exciting poetic happenings. There's a different theme every year, which you can use to trigger ideas for your own event. To find out more, visit: www.poetrysociety.org.uk

YOUTH MEMBERSHIP



We have an individual Youth Membership scheme for 11-17 year olds. Members receive poetry books, posters, a Youth Directory providing guidance on writing, events and what to read, along with access to an ever-growing community of like-minded people. Youth Members can also submit poems to our online publication, YM. Membership costs £15, making it affordable for many young people and schools looking for new ways to recognize achievement. Visit the website for details. www.ympoetry.org and www.poetrysociety.org.uk

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Membership INCLUDES THE RESOURCES BELOW

School Solo membership

Primary School Solo membership: **£40** £ _____
Secondary School Solo membership: **£58** £ _____

Resources

Poetry posters

	QUANTITY	TOTAL
John Agard – Boomerang PRIMARY	_____	each £4.95 £ _____
Sujata Bhatt – The Night Crow PRIMARY	_____	£ _____
Billy Collins – Introduction to Poetry PRIMARY & SECONDARY	_____	£ _____
Sylvia Plath – You're... PRIMARY & SECONDARY	_____	£ _____
Jackie Kay – In my country SECONDARY	_____	£ _____
Anne Stevenson – Ragwort SECONDARY	_____	£ _____

Poetry poster sets 4 POSTERS

Primary school set (Agard, Bhatt, Collins, Plath)	_____	each £14.95 £ _____
Secondary school set (Collins, Kay, Plath, Stevenson)	_____	£ _____

Mixed poster set 6 POSTERS

Mixed set (Agard, Bhatt, Collins, Kay, Plath, Stevenson)	_____	each £19.95 £ _____
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Teacher resources

The Poetry Book for Primary Schools	_____	each £9.50 £ _____
Jumpstart! Poetry in the Secondary School	_____	£ _____

TOTAL ORDER VALUE All prices include postage & packing £ _____

Payment

1. By credit card

Please debit £ _____ from my credit/debit card

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2. By cheque

I enclose a cheque for £ _____ made payable to the Poetry Society

3. By official school order

I enclose an official order. Please invoice the school/organisation

Signature _____ Date _____

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School/Organisation _____

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Billing address _____

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NEW! POETRY POSTERS

Our new, large-format posters are the perfect visual aid for both primary and secondary classrooms. Inspiring poems from John Agard, Sujata Bhatt, Billy Collins, Jackie Kay, Sylvia Plath and Anne Stevenson are illustrated with eye-catching images by some of the best new artists around. Each poster measures 680 x 490mm.

INDIVIDUAL POSTERS	£4.95
PRIMARY OR SECONDARY SET (4 POSTERS)	£14.95
MIXED SET (6 POSTERS)	£19.95

PUBLICATIONS FOR TEACHERS

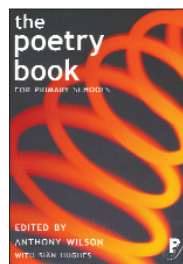


Jumpstart! Poetry in the Secondary School

Cliff Yates

Phenomenally successful teacher of poetry, Cliff Yates offers practical ideas and projects for sharing poetry reading across the secondary school curriculum. 176 pages.

ISBN 1 900 77138 1 **£9.50**



The Poetry Book for Primary Schools

Edited by Anthony Wilson
with Siân Hughes

Poems, games, interviews, lesson-plans and debate for enhancing poetry teaching throughout the primary years. 160 pages.

ISBN 1 9007 7112 8 **£9.50**

POEMS ON THE UNDERGROUND POSTERS

The Poetry Society and Poems on the Underground have joined forces to promote one of Britain's most successful public art projects. Choose from over 100 different poems and buy online at www.poetrysociety.org.uk/content/education/resources/

