

The Enfield Poets are celebrating their Twentieth Anniversary in April 2020. The Poetry Competition will be launched on 7th September, 2019, and will close on March 7th, 2020. The winners will be announced at the end of March, and the prize giving will be on Saturday April 25th, 2020, as part of the Enfield Poets' Twentieth Anniversary Literary Festival.

Conditions of Entry

1. The Competition is open to poems on any theme and in any form and must be the original work of the author.
2. Poets entering the Competition must be 16 years or older.
3. Poems should be no more than 50 lines in length, excluding title.
4. Each poem should be typed in English or handwritten *neatly* on one side only of A4 paper. One poem only on each sheet.
5. Competitors' names and addresses must not appear anywhere on the poems. Please write the titles and your contact details clearly either on the entry form or on a separate sheet of A4.
6. Competitors may submit any number of poems for a fee of £4 per poem, or 3 for £10. Payments may be made by cheque (Sterling only) payable to The Enfield Poets
7. Submissions may also be made on-line to:
www.enfieldpoets.com
8. Poems should not have been previously published.

Payment: £4 per poem or £10 for three poems. Deadline for submissions is 7th March, 2020.

THE ENFIELD POETS' POETRY COMPETITION

Judge

RUTH PADEL

First Prize £500

Second Prize £250

Third Prize £100

Closing date: 7th March, 2020

Winners are invited to an adjudication and a reading by Ruth Padel at the Dugdale Centre, Enfield, on 25th April, 2020.



Ruth Padel’s most recent collections are *Beethoven Variations – Poems on a Life*, a journey through Beethoven’s life and her own childhood, growing up playing the viola; and *Emerald*, a lyrical exploration of the mourning process and a celebration of her feisty mother.

Ruth was Chair of Judges for the 2016 T. S. Eliot Prize and Judge for the 2016 International Man Booker Prize. She is Professor of Poetry at King’s College London and Fellow of the Royal Society of Literature.

www.ruthpadel.com, @ruthpadel.

The Enfield Poets are Poets in Residence at the Dugdale Centre in Enfield. They began life in 2000 at Salisbury House, Enfield, before moving to Enfield Town. The group was founded by Anthony Fisher, Valerie Darville and the late Jane Elder. They meet at the Dugdale Centre on the first Saturday of the month at 7.30 p.m. in Room 4. The Enfield Poets exist to encourage poetry writing; to give local poets the opportunity to read a poem of their own to a friendly and sympathetic audience and a chance to listen to guest poets who range from one of their own members to the Poet Laureate. Further information at: info@enfieldpoets.com

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Name _____

Address _____

Telephone _____ Email _____

Poem titles:

1. _____

2. _____

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Enter online at www.enfieldpoets.com or complete this form in block capitals and send with your poems and a cheque (Sterling only) payable to “The Enfield Poets” to:

The Enfield Poets’ Poetry Competition, The Dugdale Centre, 39 London Road, Enfield, EN2 6DS.
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