



NOTTINGHAM POETRY FESTIVAL

FRIDAY 26TH – MONDAY 29TH MAY 2023

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NOTTINGHAM POETRY FESTIVAL TEAM

Hope.

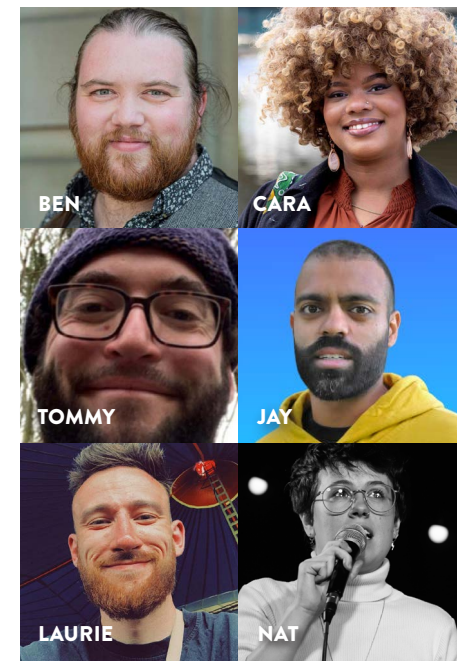
It's a word that feels both simple and incredibly loaded. As a noun and a verb, hope invites us to look forward to the future, while daring us to take the terrifying leap towards making that future a reality. It's a promise and a provocation, an invisible thread that connects and tugs at us all.

There's a reason that the word 'Hope' was chosen as the theme for Nottingham Poetry Festival 2023. Since its founding in 2015, Nottingham Poetry Festival has been an exercise in hope. From being pushed to new limits by a global pandemic, to bearing all on prestigious stages across the city, Nottingham Poetry Festival lives on because of the shared hope of the incredible community that have continued to rally behind its banner for over eight years.

While this year's festival may be shorter in length, we're proud to say it still packs the same punch, featuring an amazing selection of events, workshops and safe spaces

for you to create, collaborate, and connect with Nottingham's Poetry Community. We have to give a huge thank you to our patrons Henry Normal and Craig Chettle, to Confetti Media Group, Arts Council England, Castle Rock Brewery for supporting the festival and all of the extended NPF team, current or alumni. Finally we need to say thanks to all of you, the amazing poets, artists and audiences who take part in this festival. Every single one of you helps to shape the poetry scene of Nottingham and we wouldn't have it any other way. We hope you enjoy the festival.

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WELCOME TO THE FESTIVAL

Join us as we return to Fox and Grapes for the launch of Nottingham Poetry Festival 2023! Hosted by Blackdrop founder Michelle 'Mother' Hubbard and Nottingham Poetry Festival's very own Ben Macpherson, we're kicking off the celebrations with performances from Slamovision winners Abbey Abdul and Cara Thompson, WRAP founder Becky Cullen, Manjit Sahota, and more. Free and open to all, we invite everyone to come down, meet the community, kick back and get a taste of the amazing festival we have in store for you (with open mic slots for you to have a go!)

Fox & Grapes,
Thursday 25th May, 7pm-11pm,
Free

NOTTINGHAM POETRY FESTIVAL PRESENTS BRIAN BILSTON

Brian Bilston has been described as the Banksy of poetry and Twitter's unofficial Poet Laureate; with over 200,000 followers on social media, Brian has become truly beloved by the online community. Days Like These: An Alternative Guide to the Year in 366 Poems is his latest book and is out now in hardback, a brilliant collection of poems that will take the blues out of Monday, flatten the Wednesday hump and amplify that Friday feeling, from January through to December. Support acts to be announced.

The Old Cold Store (next to the Vat & Fiddle),
Friday 26th May,
7pm - 10pm. **SOLD OUT**

**Extra
Show added!**
The Old Cold Store
Saturday 27 May
1pm - 4pm, £15

MAIN EVENTS & TEAM PICKS

POETRY POTRAITS BY FABRICE GAGOS

Oi! Poet! Is your headshot blurry with bad lighting, or just a bit naff? Do you need a professional, high-quality photo of yourself to use on your website and social media channels? Or to send to event promoters and the press? Fabrice Gagos will fix this. Photography Editor at LeftLion Magazine and Nottingham Poetry Festival's resident shutterbug, Fabrice is setting up shop throughout the 2023 Festival. Make your way down after booking a time slot with Fabrice via the NPF website, and he'll take photos of your lovely face for you to use however you wish – all for free. All we ask is that you credit Fabrice if you use the photo.

Hopkinson Vintage,
Antique and Arts Centre,
Saturday 27th May, 12pm - 5pm, Free

Nonsuch Studios,
Sunday 28th May, 12pm - 5pm, Free

EDUCATED, ELEVATED, MELANATED

Young people, young poets! Educated, Elevated, Melanated showcases a collaboration between Nottingham Poetry Festival, 2 Nottingham schools, a teacher of Mathematics and a hip hop promoter. EEM will feature readings from young people who took part in a series of workshops designed to write poems that explore themes of race & culture whilst elevating voices of underrepresented people. There will be an open mic, featured artists and informal writing workshops. Everyone is welcome, but the younger humans amongst us are strongly encouraged to attend. Writing materials and refreshments will be provided.

Waterstones,
Saturday 27th May,
1pm - 3.30pm, Free



PAGE AGAINST THE MACHINE - NOTTINGHAM CITY OF LITERATURE

Join Nottingham UNESCO City of Literature for 'Page Against the Machine', an international reading event inviting readers of all ages and backgrounds to pick up a book, turn off their phones and settle in for a well-deserved detox read in the picturesque Bromley House Library Garden, tucked away just off Nottingham's Old Market Square. Bring your favourite book, a snack, a drink and enjoy an uninterrupted hour of communal reading with us, or feel free to join in from home by using the hashtag #PageAgainstTheMachine!

(Programmed by Nottingham UNESCO City of Literature in association with Norwich UNESCO City of Literature and The Book Hive. Supported by the UNESCO Cities of Literature Network).

**Bromley House Library,
Saturday 27th May,
2pm - 3pm, Free**



CREATIVES OF THE FUTURE: NOTTINGHAM CITY OF LITERATURE'S YOUTH ADVISORY BOARD

Are you a young person with an interest in the creative arts? Do you want to learn more about how you can get involved in Nottingham's growing creative community? Nottingham UNESCO City of Literature's Youth Advisory Board welcomes you to join us for an afternoon of creative activities, open conversations and open mic performances as we consider what it means to be the Creatives of the Future. Whether you're an aspiring writer, bedroom poet, or just fancy a relaxed afternoon out, come along to learn more about what we do in this special event designed for young people, by young people.

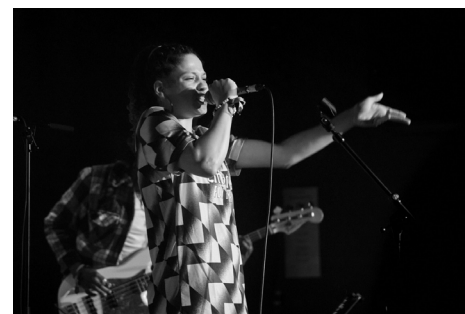
**Waterstones,
Saturday 27th May,
4pm - 6pm, Free**

POETS OFF THE ENDS

After a sellout show at NPF 2022 we're delighted to welcome Poets Off The Ends back for NPF 2023. POTE is a poetry and spoken word platform born from an online series of the same name. Rooted in our own fair city, Jah Digga's brilliant collective will deliver some incredible verse, Notts style.

Don't miss.

**Lakeside Arts,
Saturday 27th May,
7pm - 10pm, Free**



CREATIVE REACTIONS: A POETRY AND ARTISTRY WORKSHOP

Come and take part in a workshop that explores different types of artistry with poetry. Feast your ears on music performances from JayaHadADream, Ty Healy and Omari Marsalis during which you will be guided in responding creatively to the performance whether with words, drawings or perhaps even dance!

**MIMM Studios,
Sunday 28th May, 4pm - 7pm, Free**

YOMI SODE FEATURING GOBS COLLECTIVE

Yomi Sode is an award-winning Nigerian British writer. He is a recipient of the 2019 Jerwood Compton Poetry Fellowship and was shortlisted for the Brunel International African Poetry Prize 2021. His acclaimed one-man show *COAT* toured nationally to sold-out audiences. In 2020 his libretto *Remnants*, written with award-winning composer James B. Wilson and performed with Chineke! Orchestra, premiered on BBC Radio 3. In 2021, his play, *and breathe...* premiered at the Almeida Theatre to rave reviews. His debut collection, *Manorism*, was a Guardian and Financial Times book of the year and shortlisted for the '23 T.S. Eliot Prize. Described by Jackie Kay as 'Thrilling, once in a generation', do not miss Yomi make his Nottingham debut!

Supported by Nottingham's GOBS Collective. Founded by Bridie Squires in 2020, the group formed through workshop series co-produced with loney Smallhorne; over 40 Nottingham artists created poetry films, digital zines and live performances.

Theatre Royal & Royal Concert Hall
Sunday 28th May, 7.30pm - 10pm, £10



NPF CLOSING PARTY

You've had enough poetry? Whatever. Come on down to Fox & Grapes and help us close the '23 festival in style and enjoy showcase performances curated by the NPF team. Read us your poems at the "open all day and open to all, open mic" or hear brand new poetry from festival workshop attendees, you can even illustrate your poems alongside our doodler in residence, Raphael Achache. Dancing and singing will be encouraged.

Fox and Grapes,
Monday 29th, 6pm - 11pm, Free

POETRY HUB

Want to be at the center of all the action? The heart of the Nottingham Poetry Festival this year is our Nottingham Poetry Hub situated in Cobden Place.

You'll find us in Sidedoor Studio at the far end of Cobden Chambers, where you can meet our team, take part in fun activities for all ages and learn more about what's going on for the entire weekend. The Hub and its adjoining cafe Hungry Ghost are alcohol free, so absolutely everyone is welcome, no matter their age (Tommy recommends the Kinder Bueno cake in particular).

Two minutes away, Five Leaves Bookshop are offering an amazing 15% off for the entire festival weekend, and if poetry



books are your thing, our friends Bad Betty Press and Big White Shed have collections from poets new and far, distributed throughout festival venues for you to enjoy whilst you're visiting.

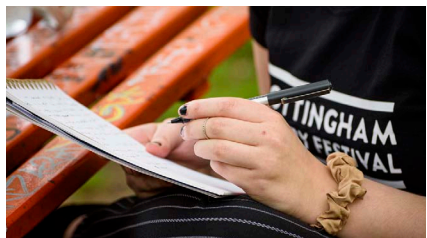
If you did fancy a pint with your poem, come on down to The Fox and Grapes over at Sneinton Market, with our sponsors Castle Rock Brewery. Discounts for poetry festival attendees are available at both venues.

See you there!



WORKSHOPS

Workshops are all about developing skills, honing or discussing craft, and understanding how poetry can bring about positive change, perhaps comfort, perhaps hope. For anyone interested in pushing themselves - whether that's on the page, the stage, or in leading a writing session, if you've been at your poetry career for a while or are just getting started, come along to see what you might be able to stick in your back pocket.



GATHERING THOUGHTS

Maggies Creative Writing Group is holding an open session, with a focus on creativity, fun and community, call in and see a display of some of the work being shared at the Centre. Come along between 11am and 13:30pm to get involved, with a free writing workshop running from 11:30- 12:30.

**Maggies Nottingham (at City Hospital),
Friday 26th May, 11am - 1:30pm
(Workshop 11:30am - 12:30pm)**



FROM MONOTONY TO INSPIRATION: POETRY AND WRITING WORKSHOP TO BUST BLOCKS!

Stuck? Stagnant? Feeling stupid? Time to bust those blocks that sometimes hamper our wonderful creativity. Lacking motivation? Can't face another Instagram prompt? Find inspiration in your everyday lives - it's all around you! We'll have fun in this poetry and writing workshop exploring and getting back to the basics of play! An inspiring poetry and writing workshop to help you unearth inspiration hidden in plain sight! Be gone creative blocks - we've got this!

**Online, Friday 26th May,
7pm - 8pm, Free**



A POEM FOR OUR PLANET

Get your green thumb wrapped around a pen for 'A Poem For Our Planet': a relaxed, environment focused workshop led by former Poetry Fest Director and Nottingham's first young poet laureate Georgina Wilding! Join Georgina as you spend a serene afternoon getting in touch with nature and your creative side, with the opportunity to share your planet powered creations on the main stage at Green Hustle Festival on Sunday 4th June!

**Hopkinson Vintage, Antique and Arts
Centre , Saturday 27th, 1pm - 4pm, Free**

**Shop Zero, Saturday 3rd June, 1pm - 4pm,
Free (as a part of Green Hustle Festival)**

ALIVE AND KICKING WORKSHOP

Do you like poetry? Would you like to have a go at writing some of your own? We're hosting an ArtSpeak poetry workshop for people aged 60+, led by four local poets, Sue Allen, Clare Stewart, Laura Grevel and Margaret Gosley. They'll use a range of fun and stimulating activities to get your creative juices flowing and help you produce some unique work. Following the workshop will be a performance where you'll get to hear material from the workshop leaders and perform some of your own.

Tiger Community Hub, Saturday 27th May, 2pm - 3.30pm, £6



WORDPLAY - VISUAL POEM

This Wordplay workshop is about developing your perspective on a poem in a visual way. Join us as we turn poetry into a collection of drawings. Participants will have the chance to discover different interpretations visually, and collectively discuss how each person came up with their own vision. The final work will be arranged for display for the evening event: Wordplay - Secret Poetry performance. Open to anyone, but we encourage 14 – 30 year olds to attend.

**City Arts, Saturday 27th May,
3pm - 4pm, Pay What You Can**



MEANDERERS X WORDPLAY WALKSHOP

Join the first Meanderers Walkshop in collaboration with Wordplay at City Arts, as part of Nottingham Poetry Festival. Meanderers Walkshops are a curated day involving a creative walk, social eating and a making workshop. We will begin with a poetry walk from City Arts, expect to hear some poems inspired by the places we pass as well as some poetry prompts for you to begin writing your own text pieces. A word themed lunch will be provided for everyone to enjoy, followed by a poetry and collage zine making workshop. The workshop will allow you to create your own small poetry publication using a range of techniques, for you to take home with you! Meanderers is an organisation focusing on the connections between walking, creativity, wellbeing and community. This session will be led by socially engaged artist Amelia Daiz.

**City Arts,
Sunday 28th May,
11am - 3.30pm, £15-£20**



WORLD JAM WORKSHOP: WHERE ARE YOU FROM?

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**Cafe Sobar,
Sunday 28th May,
1.30pm - 3.30pm, Optional Donations**



TEAR YOUR POEM APART WITH JOSHUA JUDSON

"Kill your darlings" It's a piece of advice that writer's receive at some point in their creation. This brilliant workshop will give you the space to look at one of your poems and get really ruthless with the editing. Maybe you have a piece you just cannot get right, or a first draft that you're still unsure of, bring it along to this workshop with Josh and find the poem hidden inside.

Joshua Judson is a poet from Nottingham. His work has appeared in publications such as The North, The Rialto, The White Review, and The Tangerine. He has performed his poetry across the UK, as well as in the US and Germany. His debut pamphlet, Gongoozler, is available now from Bad Betty Press.

**Nottingham Writers Studio,
Monday 29th, 11am - 1.30pm,
Free (registration required)**



POEM PLAY WITH BRIDIE SQUIRES

Join GOBS Collective Founder Bridie Squires for a developmental writing workshop. Open to writers who've submitted a piece to the Nottingham Poetry Festival website. Bring your submitted poem along and play around with editing and performance as part of a fun, laid-back afternoon of experimenting and devising.

Bridie Squires is a writer, producer and performance artist from Nottingham. A Mouthy Poets alumnus, Bridie has performed her poetry at London's Southbank Centre, Karlsruhe's Staatstheatre, and We Out Here Festival. Bridie was awarded funding from Arts Council England to create Casino Zero - her one-woman loop-station play based on her experiences as a croupier. She was commissioned by BBC Radio 4 for Mardy, a poem for Tongue and Talk: The Dialect Poets, in 2018, and she developed her audio drama Self-checkout for BBC Sounds in 2022.

**Nottingham Writers Studio
Monday 29th, 2pm - 5pm
Free (registration required)**

COMMUNITY EVENTS

As part of the Nottingham Poetry Festival programme, anyone can contribute to the huge host of events happening over the festival period. Here is our community programme, brought to you by the local, national and international poetry community.

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POETS AGAINST RACISM: IN THIS TOGETHER

Taking place on 25 May, the anniversary of George Floyd's murder, join Poets Against Racism & Hate USA and Poets Against Racism UK for their transatlantic virtual event 'Poets Against Racism: In This Together 2023'. Featuring an invited speaker and poets from across the pond, the social justice poetry and its impacts are discussed by a panel (A recording of the event will also be available on the Poets Against Racism & Hate USA

YouTube channel). Please note, this event streamed live from America and will broadcast in the UK at 1am.

**Poets Against Racism & Hate USA
(PARH USA) YouTube channel**
Thursday 25th May,
7pm - 8.30pm EDT, Free

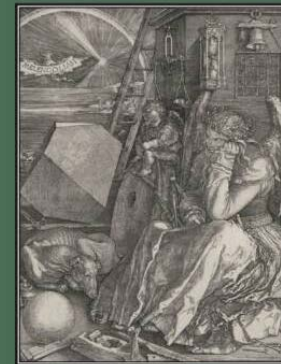
NTU POETRY SHOWCASE

NTU has superb, long-established BA, MA and PhD Creative Writing programmes that consistently help talented and committed writers to excel. This always includes a lot of poets! Join some of NTU's current excellent students, from across all three programmes, who will read from and discuss their work

**The Carousel, Friday 26th May,
7pm - 10pm, Free**

She Will Allow Her Wings

Jane Bluett



SHE WILL ALLOW HER WINGS: PAMPHLET LAUNCH WITH JANE BLUETT

Five Leaves returns to poetry publishing with the first in a series of pamphlets by Nottinghamshire writers. Jane Bluett will be supported by another Nottinghamshire (well, Belper, these days!) poet Rich Goodson.

From Blackpool to Brighton, from Naples to Indonesia, from London to Nottingham, Jane Bluett's writing holds a richness of place that is both familiar and unfamiliar. The wordplay, the humour and the music of her writing speaks directly to us.

**Five Leaves Bookshop,
Friday 26th May,
7pm - 8:30pm, Free**



FLUENTINBOTH POETRY & MUSIC SHOW

Language should not be a barrier, but a bridge that connects to different cultures and perspectives.

Welcome to FluentInBoth, the spoken word and music show for creatives from all over the world! A community of artists, poets, musicians, and storytellers who come together to celebrate diversity, cultural exchange, and creativity in a safe and inclusive space for you to express yourself in your desired language. If you're a creative looking for inspiration and connection, or simply a lover of spoken word and music, come and join in at FluenInBoth where barriers are broken, and communities created.

**Boavista Restaurant Café,
Friday 26th May,
7:30pm - 9:30pm, Free**

MAD TRUTH - I DEDICATE MY LIFE TO PEACE

Mad Truth is an arts organisation based around the power of creative expression for improving mental health and promoting personal growth. By using creative expression as a remarkable tool for re-framing tragedy, trauma and mental ill health, Mad Truth's mission is to show that these things no longer need to keep us from becoming our best selves and can instead become a source of beauty, strength and resilience. Join Mad Truth at Metronome for 'I dedicate my life to peace', as they explore themes of resilience, change, family, struggle and ultimately healing.

**Metronome, Friday 26th May,
7.30pm - 9.30pm
Pay What You Can**



DIY POETS PRESENT POEMS ON MENTAL HEALTH

DIY Poets present an event based on the theme of mental health, with all poems being mental health related. The event will also launch issue 60 of DIY Poets zine, with poems on how people experience mental health challenges.

**City Arts,
Friday 26th May,
7.30pm - 10pm, £3**

SATURDAY 27TH MAY



POETRY YARD

Hopkinson's Poetry Yard will host a day of performances, music, tasty treats and an open mic. In addition, there will be mystery poetry activities for humans of all ages to enjoy. Why not stop in for Writers Blocks, our unique poetry and Lego hangout, thanks to our friends at Make2Make, between 11am – 5pm. Nottingham's first Young Poet Laureate will be helping you pen your "poem for our planet", a collaborative creation with Green Hustle Festival. You could snag a snapshot, LeftLion photography editor, Fabrice Gagos will be in the building offering professional headshots for poets and creatives involved in the Poetry Festival. Plus other amazing activities to keep you entertained. Pop along and get stuck in!

**Hopkinson Vintage,
Antique and Arts Centre
Saturday 27th May, 10am - 8pm, Free,
(donations are encouraged
for some activities)**



POETRY AND MENTAL HEALTH: SYMPOSIUM 2023

The Surviving by Storytelling project (Institute of Mental Health) host their first poetry and mental health symposium. Join the project leads, Anne Holloway and Mark Pearson, for presentations and performances from researchers and poets who use creative writing in relation to mental health. Panel discussions will explore diverse experiences of writing and wellbeing, with all attending being offered the opportunity to share and explore their own questions and experiences. Lunch available to those who have registered to attend.

**The Institute of Mental Health, Saturday
27th May, 10am - 3pm, Free, but please
register via the NPF Website.**



WORDPLAY - SECRET POETRY (DROP-IN SESSION)

A day of activity based on encouraging all you secret and shy poets out there to reveal your words - but not your identity! You can drop a poem that you've already written or take inspiration from our sensory display of poetry prompts to create your anonymous poems and post them in our post box.

The poems will be selected and performed by Young Producer members on your behalf at our Wordplay - Secret Poetry night. Open to anyone, but Young Producers encourage 14 – 30 year olds to attend.

**City Arts, Saturday 27th May,
12pm - 4pm, Free**

NOTTINGHAM PIT POETS

Join local pit poets Kathleen and Ferzana for an amazing evening of poetry and open mic. All are welcome. Cream tea and sandwiches available on the day for £7.50. Call 01773 781012 from 4pm any day to book your tea.

**Horse and Jockey, 96 Church Lane, Selston, Nottingham NG16 6FB
Saturday 27th May. 4pm - 5.30pm. Free**

POETRY AND RECOVERY WITH WE R HERE AND LOIS GRACE BROWN

Spoken word poet and performer Lois Grace Brown invites you to join her as she presents a collection of poetry reflecting on the journey through and to recovery. Lois's poetry is a selection of works written from her own personal lived experience of addiction, trauma and mental health battles. Passionate about connecting with the community through words, Lois uses her own experiences to help people feel less alone, more encouraged, and empowered.

Lois hopes that those who attend this event will be stimulated to write about their own stories, and use their voices to encourage and inspire change.

**We R Here, The Lodge,
Saturday 27th May,
2pm - 3.30pm, Free**

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GRAND KAVI SAMELLAN

Kavya Rang are bringing back their Nottingham Poetry Festival 'Kavi Samellan' - a celebration of poetry from around the world. There is an Indian / Hindi theme, but poetry and spoken word from any

language is invited, come and perform to the audience in the impressive setting of the Nottingham Hindu Temple. If you've never attended a Kavi Samellan before, this is your chance to experience a colourful, vibrant and thoroughly exciting event celebrating words worldwide - with a short trip up Carlton Road rather than a ten hour flight to Mumbai!

**Nottingham Hindu Temple and
Community Centre, Saturday 27th May,
2pm - 5pm, Free**

ALIVE AND KICKING - PERFORMANCE & OPEN MIC

Come along to the ArtSpeak Poetry afternoon. Local poets Sue Allen, Clare Stewart, Laura Grevel and Margaret Gosley will perform throughout the afternoon, and there'll also be open mic slots for anyone wanting to get involved. You can sign up for it on the day and could either perform some original material, read a poem you like, or write a response to one and deliver it to the audience.

This performance and open mic will follow a workshop led by the four poets. The workshop is specifically for people aged 60+, but the performance and open mic is open to all ages.

**Tiger Community Hub,
Saturday 27th May,
4pm - 6pm, Free**

WORDPLAY - SECRET POETRY PERFORMANCE

City Arts' Young Producers present: Wordplay - Secret Poetry edition. Join them for an eclectic mix of spoken word and the possibility of hearing your own secret poem, as our performers read out selections of anonymous poems. The evening event is a bring your own drink, with a tuck shop and non-alcohol bar. Open to anyone, but 14 - 30 year olds are encouraged to attend.

**City Arts, Saturday 27th May,
6pm- 9pm, Pay What You Can**



WORLD JAM'S MUSICAL, MULTILINGUAL POETRY OPEN MIC

World Jam presents an evening of musical, multilingual poetry. A poetry open mic with an acoustic musical backing, where anyone in any language can speak and jam their words with musicians from around the world. Featuring anything from African drumming and improv, to opera singers and Ukuleles, we're never quite sure what will happen at our events, but that's all part of the fun and we'd love to see you there.

World Jam aims to bring people of all backgrounds together and support the wellbeing and community integration of marginalised groups through music and poetry, and welcome all people from all languages and backgrounds to their events.

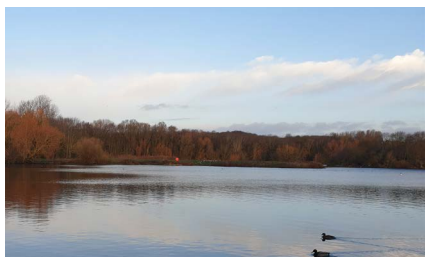
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**SUNDAY
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**Cafe Sobar,
Sunday 28th May, 1.30pm - 3.30pm,
Pay What You Can**



A LAP OF THE LAKE WITH NICKY TULLETT

Nicky Tullett is a performance poet who wants to share her poetry and beautiful local lake with you.

Meet in the Starting Gate Pub (NG2 4DX) car park at 4pm. It's a short trip

from the city on the 44 bus (to Gedling)
We will walk around Colwick Main Lake together and Nicky will read some topical poetry as we go.
Not suitable for under 16s.

**Colwick Country Park (main lake),
Sunday 28th May,
4pm - 5pm, Free**



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THE HUSTLE COLLECTIVE PRESENTS

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OUTSIDE OF THE FESTIVAL DATES

Nottingham is full of poems. Here are some poetry events that fall just outside of our festival dates, but you should defo check 'em out. Keep an eye on our website and social media accounts for regular updates on Nottingham's poetry happenings...



SPEAK EASY COLLECTIVE

Come and join the SpeakEasy Spoken Word (bi-monthly open mic nights) at Nottingham Playhouse. Led and curated by The Mighty Creatives and Nottingham UNESCO City of Literature youth board member Connor Brown, alongside Nottingham Playhouse and fellow City of Literature youth board member Abigail Hutchison. This informal event will be a sharing of words by the best young poets Nottingham has to offer with an open mic at the end for all to get involved (if you want to of course).

Nottingham Playhouse,
Friday 19th May, 6pm - 8pm, Free



A JOURNEY INSIDE: A VR POEM EXPERIENCE

Join Lytisha as her mind wanders through a whole host of ideas whilst inside the MRI scanner. Examine the important questions in life - what did the Concorde sound like? Can mental dancing affect a scan? What flavour ice-cream should she have next? All the big questions.

When you arrive for your 'appointment' you will be greeted by a member of the team who will guide you through to the 'treatment area' where you will put on the VR headset, lay back and relax. Surrounded by the sounds of the scanner, you will then be led on an unexpected journey.

Please note: This is a poetry experience using Virtual Reality headsets. VR headsets are suitable for 14 +, proof of age may be requested. This exhibition contains flashing images.

City Arts, Saturday 20th May,
Appointments available 11:30 am - 5:30pm, £5 (booking essential)



WRAP LIVE! SAFIA KHAN X WRAP

WRAP offers a variety of activities for NTU students, including book groups, writing workshops, meet ups and masterclasses, encouraging students' creativity and confidence in self-expression. Find out more on the NPF website. Join WRAP in celebrating their collaboration with poet and medic Safia Khan as she reads from her award-winning collection of poems. Celebrate the launch of our 2023 WRAP anthology Notes To Self. And make sure to stick around after the event for an after party featuring some music performances from NTU students.

Metronome,
Tuesday 23rd May,
7pm - 11pm, Free



NOTT ANOTHER POETRY NIGHT, HOSTED BY JAY SANDHU

An open mic poetry night in Sherwood's, Robin Hood Pub, hosted by Nott Another. A welcoming and supportive environment always featuring a huge variety of performers, with legends of the scene and first time poets stepping up to the mic. Come for the poetry, stay for the vibes and meet loads of cool dinosaurs.

Pre-book slots at
<https://linktr.ee/nottanother>

The Robin Hood Pub,
Wednesday 24th May, 7pm - 10pm,
Pay What You Can



HEADWAY NOTTINGHAM PRESENT SEE YOU NEXT TUESDAY

Every Tuesday, Headway's creative writers meet with tutor Bridie Squires. For the past few months, they've been writing poetry with a focus on the theme of Hope in preparation for this year's Nottingham Poetry Festival. Now, they're ready to share their words. Please note, this event is invitation only.

About Headway Nottingham:

Providing long term health & social rehabilitation, help & advice, respite, guidance & support to individuals, carers and families who have been affected by brain injury across Nottingham & Nottinghamshire.

Nottinghamshire Deaf Society, Tuesday 30th May, 11am - 12pm, Free

TRAVEL GREEN

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Check out event listings online for the closest stop to the events you want to see. Keep an eye out for our travel surveys at events, you'll see them pinned on the walls at venues. All you have to do is scan the QR code with your phone camera and fill out the survey, we aim to make our festival as eco friendly as possible and we would love your help.

EVENT LISTINGS

If you have any access concerns, please contact the event venue.
For more information on any of these events, please check the website nottinghampoetryfestival.com

THURSDAY 25TH MAY

NPF '23 Launch	Fox and Grapes 21 Southwell Rd, Nottingham NG1 1DL	7pm - 11pm	Free	L	W
Poets Against Racism: In This Together 2023	Poets Against Racism & Hate USA (PARH USA) YouTube channel https://www.youtube.com/ channel/UCiT299pUPD-_ ZuGwlrMZJ7Q	7.00pm- 8.30pm EDT	Free	N	W

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FRIDAY 26TH MAY

Gathering Thoughts	Maggies Nottingham City Hospital Campus, Gate 3, Hucknall Road, Nottingham, NG5 1PH	11am - 1:30pm	Free	L	W
	We're the green building close to Gate 3, next to the Breast Institute.				
Brian Bilston	The Old Cold Store Queensbridge Rd, Nottingham NG2 1NB	7pm - 10pm	£15	L	W
She Will Allow Her Wings: pamphlet launch with Jane Bluett	Five Leaves Bookshop 14a Long Row Nottingham NG1 2DH	7pm - 8.30pm	Free	H	W
NTU Poetry Showcase	The Carousel 25 Hockley, Nottingham NG1 1FH	7pm - 10pm	Free	L	W
FluentInBoth Poetry & Music Show	Boavista Restaurant Café 215 Radford Rd, Nottingham NG7 5GT	7.30pm - 9.30pm	Free	H	W
From Monotony to Inspiration: Poetry and writing workshop to bust blocks!	Online via Google Meets	7pm - 8pm	Free	N	W
Mad Truth - I dedicate my life to peace	Metronome Marco Island, Huntingdon St, Nottingham NG1 1AP	7.30pm - 9.30pm	Pay what you can	L	W
DIY Poets Present Poems on Mental Health	Nottingham City Arts 11-13 Hockley, Nottingham NG1 1FH	7.30pm - 10pm	£3 tickets available on door	L	W

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SATURDAY 27TH MAY

Poetry Yard	Hopkinson Vintage, Antique and Arts Centre 21 Station St, Nottingham NG2 3AJ	10am - 8pm	Free	L	W
Poetry and Mental Health: Symposium 2023	Institute of Mental Health 'A Floor Seminar Rooms', Institute of Mental Health, Triumph Road, Nottingham, NG7 2TU	10am - 3pm	Free (please register)	L	W
Wordplay - Visual Poem workshop	City Arts 11-13 Hockley Nottingham NG1 1FH	3pm - 4pm	Donation pay what you can	L	W
Poetry Portraits with Fabrice Gagos	Hopkinson Vintage, Antique and Arts Centre 21 Station St, Nottingham NG2 3AJ	12pm - 5pm	Donations	L	W
Wordplay - Secret Poetry Drop-in	City Arts 11- 13 Hockley Nottingham NG1 1FH	12pm - 4pm	Free	L	W
Educated, Elavated, Melanated	Waterstones 1-5 Bridlesmith Gate, Nottingham, NG1 2GR	1pm - 3.30pm	Free	L	W
A Poem For Our Planet	Hopkinson Vintage, Antique and Arts Centre 21 Station St, Nottingham NG2 3AJ	1pm - 4pm	Free	L	W
Page Against the Machine	Bromley House Library Bromley House Library, Angel Row, Nottingham, NG1 6HL	2pm - 3pm	Free	L	S

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Poetry and Recovery With Lois Grace Brown Poet	We R Here, The Lodge Arnot Hill Park, Daybrook, Nottingham, NG5 6LU	2pm - 3.30pm	Free	L	W
Brian Bilston	The Old Cold Store Queensbridge Rd, Nottingham, NG2 1NB	1pm - 4pm	£15	L	W
Alive and Kicking - Poetry Workshop	Tiger Community Hub 19 - 21 Lister Gate, Nottingham, NG1 7DE	2pm - 3.30pm	£6	L	W
Grand Kavi Samellan	Hindu Temple Nottingham Hindu Temple Carlton Road Nottingham NG9 2FX	2pm - 5pm	Free	L	W
Nottingham Pit Poets Performance and Open Mic	Horse and Jockey 96 Church Lane, Selston, Nottingham NG16 6FB	4pm - 5.30pm	Free	L	W
Creatives of the Future: Nottingham City of Literature's Youth Advisory Board	Waterstones 1-5 Bridlesmith Gate, Nottingham, NG1 2GR	4pm - 6pm	Free	L	W
Alive and Kicking - Performance and Open Mic	Tiger Community Hub 19 - 21 Lister Gate, Nottingham, NG1 7DE	4pm - 6pm	Free	L	W
Wordplay - Secret Poetry Performance	City Arts 11-13 Hockley Nottingham, NG1 1FH	6pm - 9pm	Pay what you can	L	W
World Jam's Musical, Multilingual Poetry Open Mic	Five Leaves Bookshop 14a Long Row, Swann's Yard, Nottingham, NG1 2DH	6.30pm - 9.30pm	Donation	L	W
Poets Off The Ends	Lakeside Arts University Park, Nottingham, NG7 2RD	7pm - 10pm	Free	L	W

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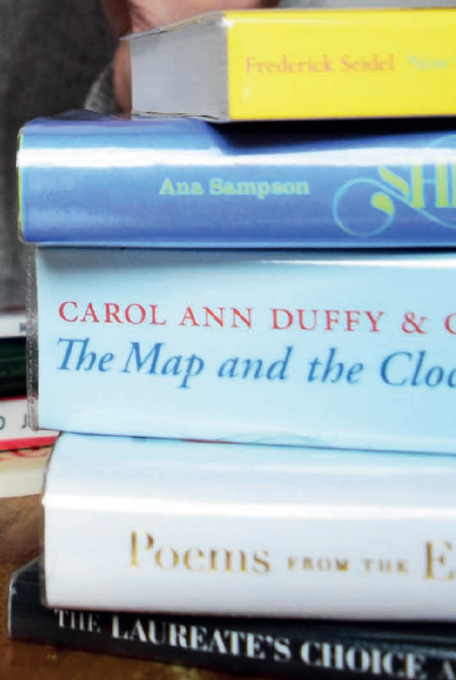
Meanderers X Wordplay Walkshop	City Arts 11-13, Hockley, Nottingham, NG1 1FH	11am- 3.30pm	£15.00- £20.00	L	W
Poetry Portraits with Fabrice Gagos	Nonsuch Studios 92 Lower Parliament St, Nottingham NG1 1EH	12pm - 5pm	Free	L	S
World Jam Workshop: Where are you From?	Cafe Sobar 22 Friar Lane Nottingham, NG1 6DQ	1.30pm - 3.30pm	Optional Donation	L	S
Creative Reactions: A Poetry and Artistry Workshop	MIMM Studios 35 Warser Gate, Nottingham NG1 1NU	4pm - 7pm	Free	L	S
A Lap of the Lake with Nicky Tullett	Colwick Country Park (main lake) Starting Gate Pub car park	4pm - 5pm	Pay what you can	L	S
Yomi Sode and GOBS Collective	Theatre Royal & Royal Concert Hall Theatre Square, Nottingham NG1 5ND	7.30pm- 10pm	£10	H	W

MONDAY 29TH MAY

Tear Your Poem Apart with Joshua Judson	Nottingham Writers' Studio 25 Hockley, Nottingham, NG1 1FH	11.00am - 1.30pm	Free	L	W
Poem Play with Bridie Squires	Nottingham Writers' Studio 25 Hockley, Nottingham, NG1 1FH	2pm - 5pm	Free	L	W
NPF Closing Party	Fox and Grapes 21 Southwell Rd, Nottingham NG1 1DL	6pm - 11pm	Free	L	W

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