

## Peacock Poetry Prize 2015

Brighton Festival in association with Brighton & Hove Sixth Form College (BHASVIC)

This year's Peacock Poetry Prize theme is 'Birds' and is chosen by Brighton Festival's Guest Director Ali Smith. This is a really exciting opportunity for budding writers to celebrate creativity and be part of Brighton Festival 2015. Finalists will be invited to a ceremony where they will be rewarded with some fantastic prizes and we also send out certificates to all those that enter, so you have nothing to lose! Below you'll find all the details for entering but if you have any more question please don't hesitate to contact either [writing@brightonfestival.org](mailto:writing@brightonfestival.org) or [victoriayork@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:victoriayork@hotmail.co.uk). Good luck!

A quarrel of sparrows, a kettle of hawks,  
A huddle of penguins, a murder of crows....  
Who were the first singers?  
What has bones that are hollow to make themselves lighter?  
What link to the dinosaurs can we see all round us in the air, in the trees, on the ground, every day?  
Symbols of freedom? Of escape? Of malevolence?  
**Birds.** They're waiting in the wings.  
Spread your own wings! Where will they take you?

**The three age ranges are 7-10, 11-14 and 15-18 years.**

### Who can enter?

- Anyone between and including the ages of **7 to 18** on May 1<sup>st</sup> 2015.
- Residents of Brighton and Hove, East and West Sussex.

### What do I need to know about the poem?

- It must fit in with the theme 'Birds'.
- You will need an original title, not just 'Birds'!
- You're allowed up to 40 lines for each poem.
- You can submit up to three poems.
- Entries must be typed please.
- Don't included your name on the poem itself.
- Remember to attach an entry form which will contain all your details.

### Dates to remember!

- Deadline for entries is – **5pm, Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April 2015.**
- Finalists will be notified by Monday 11<sup>th</sup> May.
- Announcements of winners and prize giving will take place on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> May.