

Buxton

Poetry Competition
2010



A Breath of Fresh Air



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The University of Derby Buxton and Buxton Festival are proud to present Buxton Poetry Competition 2010

Our theme this year is 'A Breath of Fresh Air'. Poets are invited to use their imagination to interpret this theme which could refer to a time, a place, a person, a feeling or something completely different. Poems do not have to be connected to Buxton or any other location or event, so get creative!

Buxton Poetry Competition is very proud to be working with Barnardo's again in 2010, who will be combining work in their own projects with our competition.

Competition Categories

Open Poetry—Poets aged 19 and over

Young People's Poetry—Young people aged between 12 and 18*

Children's Poetry—Children aged up to 11*
*age as of 1st April 2010

Competition Theme

Poems should be inspired by our theme: 'A Breath of Fresh Air'.

Prizes

- Five finalists from each category will be selected by a panel of judges
- The first three winners from the Open Category will receive a cash prize (£300, £200, £100)
- The first three winners from the Young People's and Children's categories will receive Waterstone's book tokens
- The 15 finalists will have their work exhibited in the Devonshire Dome during Buxton Festival 2010, as well as being announced in the local media and listed on the University and Festival's websites
- The three first-place poems will be published in the 2010 Buxton Festival programme
- The 15 finalists will be invited to an Awards Event at the Devonshire Dome during Buxton Festival 2010
- The three first-place poets will have an opportunity to read their poems at the Awards Event

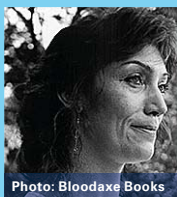
Competition Rules

- Buxton Poetry Competition opens on National Poetry Day on 8 October 2009
- The closing date for entries is 1 April 2010
- Poems must not exceed 40 lines and must be typed on one side of A4 white paper with no illustrations
- Poems are judged anonymously and the name of the poet must not appear on the poem
- All poems must be accompanied by a completed entry form
- Poems must be the original work of the author and previously unpublished
- Maximum three poems per entrant
- Each poem should have a title
- Receipt of entries can be confirmed if a SAE is included with the entry form
- The 15 finalists will be informed after 1 June
- The judges' decision is final
- Copyright remains with the poet. However finalists' poems may be used by competition organisers free of charge in promotional material or display for up to two years
- Submitted poems may be printed in the media or featured on local radio



Judging Panel

In 2010 we welcome a new judging panel for our Open Category:



Ann Sansom is a poet, playwright and tutor. She has published six collections of poetry, most recently *In Praise of Men & Other People* (Bloodaxe Books), and has appeared in many publications including the *TLS*, *Poetry Review* and *Russian Vogue*. She is currently working with The British Film Institute on a screenplay and a series of film-related poems. She is a writing tutor for the Poetry Society, WEA and the Arvon Foundation.



Peter Sansom has been Fellow in Poetry at both Leeds and Manchester Universities, and Company Poet for Marks & Spencer and the Prudential. He has published *Writing Poems* with Bloodaxe Books and his poetry collections are from Carcanet, including a new *Selected Poems* (2010). He runs The Poetry Business with Ann, and they often tutor together, for the Arvon Foundation and in schools and colleges.

Ann and Peter live in Sheffield, where they are co-directors of The Poetry Business and editors of *The North magazine* and Smith/Doorstop books.

The young people's and children's poetry competition will be judged by:

Maria Carnegie—Learning and IT Services Manager, University of Derby Buxton

Dr Teresa Barnard—Lecturer in English at University of Derby

Buxton Poetry Competition is proud to continue to work with our esteemed Patrons Sir Andrew Motion and Lady Jasmine Cavendish.

Entry Details and Fees

- Please complete and return the form on page 4 to enter the competition
- The cost to submit a poem is £5. Entries to the young people's and children's categories are free
- Entries cannot be submitted by email
- Payment by cheque is accepted; please make cheque payable to The University of Derby Buxton
- Payment by cash is only accepted if the entry form and poem are delivered in person to Christine Sweetmore at the Devonshire Dome (Devonshire Road, Buxton)

Poetry Exhibition at the Devonshire Dome, July 2010

The 15 finalists' poems will be displayed in an exhibition at the Devonshire Dome during Buxton Festival in July 2010. Poems will be displayed alongside entries to the Festival's photography competition. The exhibition is free to visit and all are welcome to view the poetry in this stunning setting.

Buxton Festival Literary Series

The 2010 Buxton Festival will feature a series of talks by some of the UK's leading literary personalities alongside a full programme of opera and music events. Festival dates are 7–25 July. Please contact the Festival office on 01298 70395 for a brochure, or visit our website at www.buxtonfestival.co.uk, for more information.

University of Derby Buxton Creative Writing Courses

The University runs a range of courses including English, Creative Writing, Media Writing and Journalism. For more information visit www.derby.ac.uk and search for the course in which you are interested.

For further details please contact either:

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Entry Form

Please complete this form and return along with your poem to:

**Christine Sweetmore, University of Derby Buxton,
Devonshire Road, Buxton, Derbyshire SK17 6RY**

Title _____ First Name _____

Surname _____

Address _____

_____ Postcode _____

Telephone _____ Email _____

Age if under 19 _____

Category you wish to enter _____

Poems Entered—Maximum of three poems

Title of poem 1 _____

Title of poem 2 _____

Title of poem 3 _____

Open Category

Fee: £5 per poem. Total payment £ _____

Cheque enclosed (tick if applicable), payable to The University of Derby Buxton

Cash delivered with entry form (tick if applicable)

Young People and Children's Category

Free Entry. My date of birth is _____

I have enclosed my poems (please tick)

I have read and accepted the competition rules

Signature _____ Date _____