



Spoken Word Power is a funded project supporting primary, secondary and SEND schools to creatively champion the spoken word, nurture positive attitudes to language and learning, and provide a platform for the young voices of a generation.

Next academic year, have a Poet in Residence in your school to take you and your students on a spoken word poetry journey from idea generation and discussion, to writing, editing and performing. The project makes language exciting, inclusive and fun, aiming to develop oracy and literacy skills, as well as confidence, collaboration and creative thinking through inquiry-based, collaborative approaches injecting joy into school life.

How does it work?

Spoken Word Power is designed for KS2-KS3 classes at Primary, Secondary and SEND schools. Your students will work with Eastside poet facilitators to explore the project's annual theme. Students will develop their own pieces of spoken word poetry to perform in your School Poetry Slam, and nominate one class poet (or team of poets) to represent the class in a World Poetry Day celebration in the West End and be published in our annual Anthology. You will also receive two high-quality teacher CPD workshops, and teaching resources to support the whole process.

Your school receives:

- ❑ 2 x twilight Teacher CPD workshops in spoken word poetry and performance (November and February)
- ❑ 5 x half day Spoken Word Poetry Student Workshops (per participating class)
- ❑ Mentoring & Support from your school Poet in Residence in putting on a school poetry slam
- ❑ Trip to the World Poetry Day celebration in the West End, with nominated class poet(s) performing
- ❑ A free copy of the Spoken Word Power annual anthology, including poetry from your school

Key Dates

- Application Deadline: **11.59pm Monday 23rd June 2025**
- Successful Schools Notified: **Mid July 2025**
- Project Begins: **November 2025**
- In-school workshops and in-school slam: **January-March 2026**
- School trip to West End Theatre: **Late March 2026**

How to Apply

Visit our website [HERE](https://www.eastside.org.uk) for instructions on how to apply. You can apply for up to 3 classes but this is a funded programme so we cannot guarantee you will be offered all classes.

Your school **must** be located in one of the following boroughs to be eligible to take part: **Barnet, Brent, Camden, Ealing, Hammersmith & Fulham, Harrow, Kensington & Chelsea, Lambeth and the Cities of London and Westminster.**

This is a funded programme, however, we require a one-off commitment fee of **£120 per class** to confirm your place on the programme.

