

## SO: To Speak Festival: 'Southampton is the people' Spoken Word competition

### Competition Rules

1. Videos must be no longer than **TWO** minutes. This is the total video upload time (not the poem length) shown, as indicated on the video playback, on the post.
2. **The topic of the poem must be 'Southampton is the People'**, and poems that are adjudged to be not on this topic will not be accepted.
3. **ONE** poem per person.
4. The performer must be able to appear at the Words on Wheels event at Western Esplanade on 28th October to perform in public. The performer will be given **THREE** minutes at the microphone to perform the poem.
5. There is no fee or expenses payment available for taking part in this competition.
6. The poem can be spoken on video in any language, including British Sign Language provided that there is a translation in English in the accompanying FB post. The poem must be spoken in English as well as its original language at the public event, and a reader may be used if necessary.
7. Video submissions will be reviewed before they appear live on the page. SO: To Speak is a festival for all ages, we will not accept content that is sexually explicit, or in our opinion is unsuitable for children. We will delete all content that is obscene, hateful, or derogatory of any individual or group of people, or encourages hate or discrimination in any way.
8. **Posts will go live on the SO: To Speak Festival Facebook page from Sunday 15th October until the closing date for Likes.** Obviously the earlier the poem is posted, the more exposure it will have.
9. **Videos can be posted at any time up from today until the competition for 'Likes' closes at 10.00pm on Wednesday 25th October. Likes made after this time will not be counted.** The judges will take a screenshot of the posts at that time, with the time included on it.
10. Southampton Festivals, nor any Festival Partners accept any responsibility if your upload doesn't work for any reason.
11. The prize will be awarded at the live event on the basis of a show of hands, with the vote counted by SO: To Speak tellers. In the event of a tie, the prize will be split.
12. By uploading a video to the SO: To Speak Facebook Page, the poet gives Southampton Festivals the non-exclusive right to use the video in legacy, promotion

and marketing materials for SO: To Speak. You are also giving Southampton Festivals the right to include the poem in the festival anthology to be published with a writer's credit.

13. The decisions taken by Southampton Festivals in managing the contest are final, and no discussion or feedback will be entered into about any aspect of the competition.