

# POETRY BY HEART

## Invitations to the finals for family, friends and other supporters

We will be delighted to welcome family, friends and other supporters to the national finals competitions at The British Library, London. We will also be inviting guests from schools, colleges and universities; poets, poetry publishers and people from other poetry organisations; media and VIPs. This means that you need to read these instructions very carefully to make sure you get the places you want! **PLEASE NOTE:** that if you are not on our guest list, entry to the British Library auditorium may not be possible as there are a limited number of seats and lots of people want to come to this popular event!

The finals will take place in sessions as listed below. Your place is valid for a complete session i.e. Saturday afternoon, Sunday morning, or Sunday afternoon. You will only be allowed to enter the auditorium during formal breaks in the proceedings.

### Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2017 – 2pm til 5:30pm

Semi-Final – A – London  
(North London, Central London, West London, East London, South London)

Semi Final B – North West  
(Cumbria, Cheshire, Merseyside, Greater Manchester, Manchester, Lancashire)

Semi Final C – East  
(Essex, Hertfordshire, Suffolk, Cambridgeshire, Norfolk)

Semi Final D – North East  
(East Riding of Yorkshire, North Yorkshire, Northumberland, South Yorkshire, West Yorkshire, County Durham, Tyne & Wear)

### Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2017 – 9am til 12:15pm

Semi-Final – E – Central West  
(West Midlands, Herefordshire, Shropshire, Staffordshire, Warwickshire)

Semi Final F – South  
(Dorset, Kent, Surrey, Sussex, Hampshire)

Semi Final G – Central East  
(Lincolnshire, Berkshire, Buckinghamshire, Leicestershire, Oxfordshire)

Semi Final H – South West  
(Wiltshire, Cornwall, Somerset, Devon, Avon)

### Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2017 – 1:30pm til 4pm

National Final

2 supporter places will be automatically allocated for each of the nine National Finalists. Admission for other supporters can't be guaranteed without previous booking.

**(Morning and afternoon sessions will start at published times, all other timings may be subject to some variation).**

## To apply for supporter places:

**Website:** <https://pbh2017.eventbrite.co.uk>

**Password: pbh2017**

We are unable to pay any costs for supporters. We ask that supporters respect the integrity of the Winners' Event programme and do not seek to take students or teacher-chaperones away from this in private arrangements of any kind until after the event has finished at 4pm on Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2017.

### **Travel and accommodation**

If you are planning to stay overnight, we would respectfully ask that you DO NOT book accommodation at LSE Passfield Hall as we would like student competitors to be able to engage fully in the Poetry By Heart programme.

There are many other hotels, B&Bs and a Youth Hostels in the city which you can book via websites such as Laterooms.com and Booking.com

We will look forward to meeting you at the finals.