



"Poetry is a  
friend for life.

Not just for  
valentine's!"

Justin Coe





“Because poetry is your  
language. It’s the  
language you use to love  
someone, to  
acknowledge the world  
around you, to whisper  
when you need someone  
to notice you.”

**Dom Conlon**

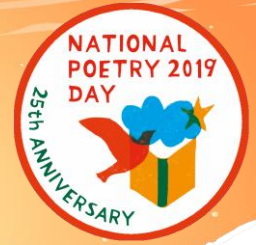




"To me it's  
moments captured,  
then shared,  
bringing us closer  
together."

**Steven Camden**





"Poetree can  
take root deep  
in your heart."

Neal Zetter

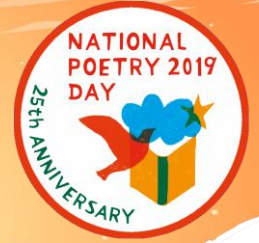




"Poetry is play -  
playing with  
letters, sounds,  
words and  
ideas."

Rachel Rooney





**“Discovering a  
new poet is like  
finding a friend on  
your first day at  
school.”**

**Roger Stevens**

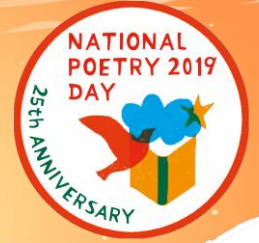




"Poetry is a bit like  
love. Impossible to  
define or even  
describe but you  
know it when you  
meet it."

**Carole Bromley**





“A poem can be about anything in the whole wide cosmos, so some will be just right for you. Poets love to juggle with words – watch what they do, then do it yourself!”

**Coral Rumble**





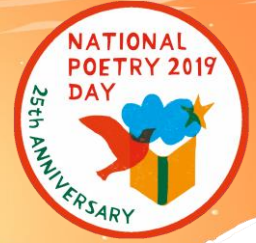
“Poetry fills your mind  
with pictures, sounds,  
rhythms, feelings, and new  
ways of talking. All you  
have to do is hear it, read  
it or say it and it finds a  
home in your mind.”

**Michael Rosen**



“In my mind, poetry is indefinable, and all the more magical for it. The only way to begin to find out what poetry is for YOU is to get involved with it. Read it, say it, feel it – find out what speaks to you.”

**Matt Goodfellow**



**“Poetry is like cake.**

**Flour and eggs and sugar are not so special by themselves, but put them together the right way, bake the mixture in the oven for the right time and...mmmmm!**

**Poetry does that with words.**

**A poet puts them together in a special way to make something delicious!”**

**Andy Seed**



**“Poems are like buildings  
made from words and  
silence. They have quiet  
places in them where the  
words can resonate. They  
have echoes, echoes,  
echoes...”**

**Philip Gross**



**“Poems are feelings**

**Poems inform**

**Poems encourage us**

**Not to conform**

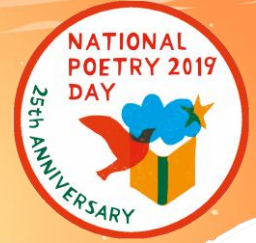
**Poems blend rhythms**

**With smiles and with rhyme**

**But as we all know**

**That last bit’s not always true...”**

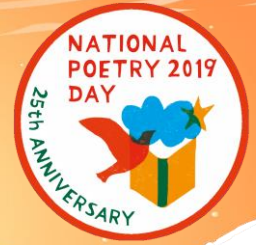
**Paul Jenkins**



“Poems can be like fossils, waiting to be found. Excavating one is **VERY** satisfying (and often magical...).

Poems can also help you say important things you might not otherwise – like how sadness feels, or what you’re scared of, or what you want (or need) to say but don’t.”

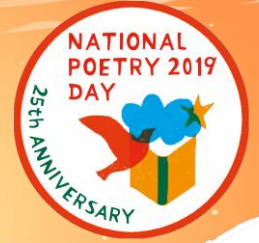
**Laura Mucha**



**“Poetry says the  
unsayable, and  
shines a light on  
the unknowable.”**

**Jay Hulme**





**“Poetry lets you  
paint pictures with  
the patterns,  
shapes, sounds  
and feelings of  
words.”**

**Julie Douglas**







**“Poetry is an adventure.  
You just never know  
what you’ll discover by  
the time you get to last  
word and this goes for if  
you’re writing one or just  
reading one.”**

**Karl Nova**

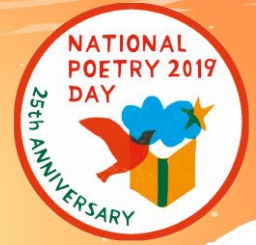




**“Poems are easily  
transportable. The  
best way to carry  
them around is in  
your head.”**

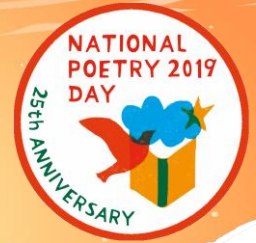
**Colin West**





**“A poem about  
the planet is still  
child-sized.”**

**Liz Brownlee**



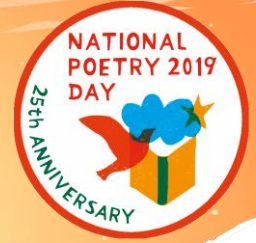
**“Poetry is the sky,**

**Poets are birds,**

**A poem is a flight path,**

**A rise, swoop and  
curve.”**

**Alex Wharton**

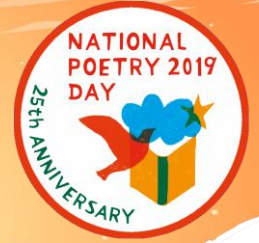


**“A poem’s little random  
words**

**That dance around your  
head**

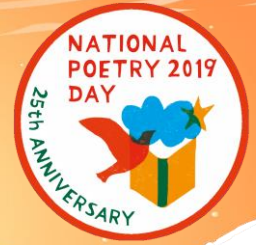
**Then rearrange  
themselves to form  
Something larger instead.”**

**Chris White**



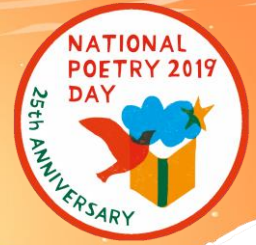
**“A poem is a  
model made out of  
little Lego  
wordbricks.”**

**Joshua Seigal**



**“I see poetry as  
freedom to express  
in words, speech  
and illustration.”**

**Christina Gabbitas**



“Poetry doesn’t require the most words, just the best words. A poem learned is a forever friend, something new yet familiar every day. And just like music it helps us express the inexpressible. Our happy place, our sad place, our place of wonder.”

**Sue Hardy-Dawson**