Genocide Memorial Day Poetry Competition Rules

- The competition is open to anyone aged 11 to 18 at the time of entering.
- Poems must be submitted by the closing date as outlined on the Genocide Memorial Day website.
- The poem needs to be emailed to gmd@ihrc.org as a word document as a Word document attachment to an email. Please do not send the document as a shared file on external drives e.g. GoogleDrive. Entries not sent as a Word document attachment will not be considered. The poem must not exceed 400 words (excluding the title of the poem).
- All poems must include a title.
- All poems submitted must be typed in clear English, in black and every page should bear the name of the entrant.
- Only poems written in English will be considered in the competition.
- No pictures, photographs, illustrations, videos, external weblinks are permitted.
- Please use a Times or Arial based font in 12pt.
- There can only be one entry per person.
- There can only be one author per poem.
- Participants must be resident in the United Kingdom.
- No IHRC employees or immediate relatives of IHRC employees can enter the competition.
- If you are submitting this poem through your school, please ensure that you include a contact name and school email for your teacher in your email.
- If you are submitting this poem individually, please ensure you include an contact name and email for your parent or official guardian.
- Entries which do not bear a teacher or parent official guardian contact will not be considered.
- All entries will be considered anonymously by the judges.
- Entries will not be returned, so please keep a copy.
- Under no circumstances can alterations be made to poems once entered.
- All submissions can be used by IHRC as and when required.
- IHRC retains joint copyright of all poems it publishes online or elsewhere with the poet.

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All entries will receive a confirmation e-mail, if you have not received a confirmation on receipt of your application please email and enquire about your entry at gmd@ihrc.org.

The competition organisers reserve the right to change the judging panel without notice and not to award prizes if, in the judges' opinion, such an action is justified.

Plagiarism will result in disqualification. Software may be used to monitor for plagiarism.

The judges' decision is final and neither the judges nor IHRC staff will enter into any correspondence.

Notes to schools, clubs and supplementary schools

If your school / club / supplementary school is making multiple submissions, it would help if you can send one contact point for all entries.

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