

Poems of Kindness: Postcard Poem Competition



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See your poem on a limited edition postcard to be included in our popular *Ten Poems of Kindness* edited by Jackie Kay. This new Kindness pack will be stocked by book and gift shops across the UK and beyond.

We're delighted to be joining forces with Fair Saturday Scotland to launch this new competition which is open to entrants across the globe. Fair Saturday is an international movement that seeks to create a positive social impact by mobilising artists and cultural organisations across Scotland and around the world.

<https://standrews.fairsaturday.org/>

"We have the opportunity to recognise the value of kindness and culture for development and social cohesion, empathy and equality. At Fair Saturday and of course every day of the year."



Jordi Albareda, Founder, Fair Saturday Foundation

Timeline

Submissions close midnight Tuesday 28th February 2023.

Poems

Poems must be no longer than 16 lines, including title and stanza breaks, with no more than 10 words per line. Your poem must be in English. It must also be new, unpublished, and not currently submitted elsewhere.

Entries

It's free to enter and there's a maximum of one poem per poet. Email your poem as a Word doc or PDF file to kindness@candlestickpress.co.uk with your poem's title and your own name as the file name.

Prizes

The winner will have their poem published as an A6 postcard which will be included in the *Ten Poems of Kindness* pamphlet pack when it's reprinted in 2023. The winner will receive £75 plus 20 copies of the new pamphlet pack containing the postcard. The winner retains all rights to their poem.

Theme

Your interpretation of the kindness theme can be as broad as you wish but the link must be clear. You may choose to write about something that really happened – or to write entirely from your imagination.

Judges

Entries will be judged by the Candlestick editorial team Di Slaney and Kathy Towers, and Suzy Ensom of Fair Saturday Scotland. The judges' decision is final, and no correspondence will be entered into. The winner will be notified by email by 24th March 2023 and announced via social media on or before 6th April.

Good luck! We look forward to reading your entries.