

Mother Tongue Other Tongue

Find your voice

The multilingual poetry competition celebrates linguistic and cultural diversity through creative writing.

Autumn 2016 will see the third year of Mother Tongue Other Tongue (MTOT) in Scotland. This year we are delighted to announce that we have the new Scots Makar, Jackie Kay, as our patron for this exciting multilingual poetry project, which showcases the many languages which are spoken and learned by young people in school and at home.

The competition is split into two categories:

Mother Tongue encourages children, who do not speak English as a first language, to create a lullaby, poem, rap or song in their mother tongue, accompanied by a commentary in English detailing the inspiration behind their writing. In Scotland, pupils will be able to submit entries in Scots, BSL, and Gaelic in this category.

Other Tongue encourages children learning another language in school (French, Spanish, German, Italian, Mandarin, Urdu, Gaelic, Cantonese and BSL) to use that language creatively by writing an original poem, rap or song in that other tongue. A short accompanying text should also be included outlining their inspiration.

Judging categories

- P1-P3
- P4-P6
- P7-S1
- S2-S3
- S4-S6

Registration

From 2 September to
7 October 2016

Entry deadline

16 December 2016

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Register now!