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Community  
Poetry Project

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## Castle Vale Community Poetry Competition

Through the Eyes of a Child, a community project for all who live, work or study on Castle Vale, is a unique opportunity for everyone to share their own experience or view of what it's like to be a child.

Whatever our age and whoever we are, we all have one thing in common - we either are or were children. We all know something of the joys and the struggles of childhood, even if we sometimes forget or lose the ability to see the world through the eyes of the young.

### Competition

At the heart of the project is a free poetry competition. Perhaps you have a particularly vivid memory from your early years, a passionate opinion about children's rights or an unusual story from your youth? It doesn't matter if you're an enthusiastic poet or if you've never written a single line before, we want to encourage you all to submit your poems, entitled Through the Eyes of a Child, in one of the four following age categories: 7-11 yrs; 12-15 yrs; 16-20 yrs; or adult.

Send your entries to:

Castle Vale Community Poetry Project, c/o Big Brum TIE, Pegasus Primary School, Turnhouse Road, Castle Vale B35 6PR or email to [ceri@bigbrum.plus.com](mailto:ceri@bigbrum.plus.com). Please attach your name, address, phone number, and date of birth. Deadline for entries is Friday 4 July. Winners will be announced on Friday 11 July (see below). All winning entries will be published in Vale Mail.

As well as the poetry competition the project will also be hosting a number of events through June and July at various venues around the Vale, including drama workshops, storytelling, poetry workshops, theatre performances and artwork.

The project will culminate in a celebration of performance & prizes on

**FRIDAY 11 JULY 7pm**  
**Pegasus Primary School**  
**Turnhouse Road**

The evening will include poetry readings and performances by professional and community poets, music, a display of artwork and a theatre performance. Charlie Jordan, Birmingham's own Poet Laureate will present the prizes to the competition winners. Tickets £2 & £1 concessions on the door.

***Everybody welcome!***