



For all of you who have registered with us, and for those of you yet to do so, this is an account of our activities for the year, and our hopes, dreams, and wishes for the year to come.

Thank you for your support.

First Annual Report

May 2023



Since May 2022 - June 2023 we have:

- formed a 'committee' of four
- found a nest for City of Poets in SP SQUARE CIC
- set up and maintained website, Facebook, and Instagram
- attracted 40+ members
- awarded three external poetry prizes
- awarded six TINY PRIZES
- found two paying gigs for poets
- run three sets of unpaid workshops
- delivered paid workshops to other CIC
- made contact with
 - Glasgow Women's Library
 - Federation Writers Scotland
 - Scottish Poetry Library
 - Edwin Morgan Trust
 - Scottish Poetry Grand Slam
- been supported/employed by:
 - The Wee Retreat CIC
 - Gilded Lily CIC
 - SP SQUARE CIC
- agreed special rates for members with Society of Authors
- printed and distributed leaflets throughout Glasgow
- opened a conversation with Global Media about promoting poets on the Subway
- applied for and failed to attract funding
- created some merchandise for sale



From May 2022 - June 2023 we hope to:

- double our membership and hear more about what poets would like...
- grow our social media following
- pilot neighbourhood Poet Laureates
- continue to award the monthly TINY PRIZE
- open up our BLOG page to members
- establish TINY PRIZE member-judges
- launch a YouTube channel
- offer TINY SLOTS to members to
 - be interviewed professionally for a short video
 - video them reading their work
 - invite contributions to offset costs
- find more paying gigs for poets such as
 - birthday, retirement events
 - backs of brochures for banks, estate agents (as per this report)
 - team-building within corporations
 - bespoke poems for events
- run more paid workshops
- develop our publishing by:
 - producing our first anthology
 - involving members in its editing
- make contact with potential sponsors
- further investigate promotional options
 - Global Media
 - parks departments
- invite 'committee' members for 12 month terms



ANTHEM

Let's know, before hunger, dark, light, before a stomach's rumble, or pain, or sight, before taste, touch, or sound, even before we could turn around, there was movement, a subtle start - the rhythm, the beat, of our mother's heart.

Let's resist being told only others matter, let's free ourselves from celebrity chatter. None are more interesting or of more value than the true of me, the true of you. Let's know we are poets, victorious. For we are. We are. All of us.

Let's drum out our distinctive rhyme. We are each the only one of our time. Let's bring the tempo of our mother's womb, to paper and pen. Listen: ba-boom, ba-boom. May we knit together life's blessing and curse, may we be poets of our unique universe.

Once and for all and never again.
Amen. Amen. Amen.

Ultimately poetry is some words that carry the rhythm of our own hearts. It's a glue to unite our Physical, Intellectual, Emotional, and Spiritual selves. Lots of initiatives are needed in our cities, and many are as good as City of Poets, but few could be better, provide more access to people's capacity to engage with others, the natural world, with themselves, than that of being a part of City of Poets.

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