

Manchester Multi-Language Mushaira 2021 'Friendship'



Introduction and Invitation
to Join in!

A Manchester Multi-Language Mushaira? 'What's that?' I hear you cry! Let me introduce you to a fantastic poet and friend, who will explain. I was inspired to create our Manchester Multi-Language Mushaira after going to a mushaira she hosted at Manchester Metropolitan University. Introducing Anjum Malik!

Hello everyone! I'm Anjum Malik and mushairas are amazing! I love them. Traditionally mushairas are Urdu poetry events. People stand up and perform their poems and the audience is really involved. They call out if they like a line of poetry and demand the poet repeats the parts they really like! Mushairas are full of energy; they are exciting! They are respectful and creative, but noisy and fun.



Our mushaira is a bit different. The poetry can be in any language you like! It is the Manchester Multi-Language Mushaira to celebrate that there are over 200 languages spoken in Manchester. This is fantastic! It means people have travelled from all around the world to share our city. So, for our mushaira we are asking people all over Greater Manchester to write and share poetry in ANY language they like. Join in before and on the 21st February so Manchester can celebrate Mother Language Day and our amazing mix of cultures together.

Poetry can be in English, but you can also create poems in any language you or your family speak, or any language you are trying to learn. Make poetry part of your lessons at school or write it at home, asking your families to help you. When you have created your poetry, we want you to share it! We will tell you how to do that later.



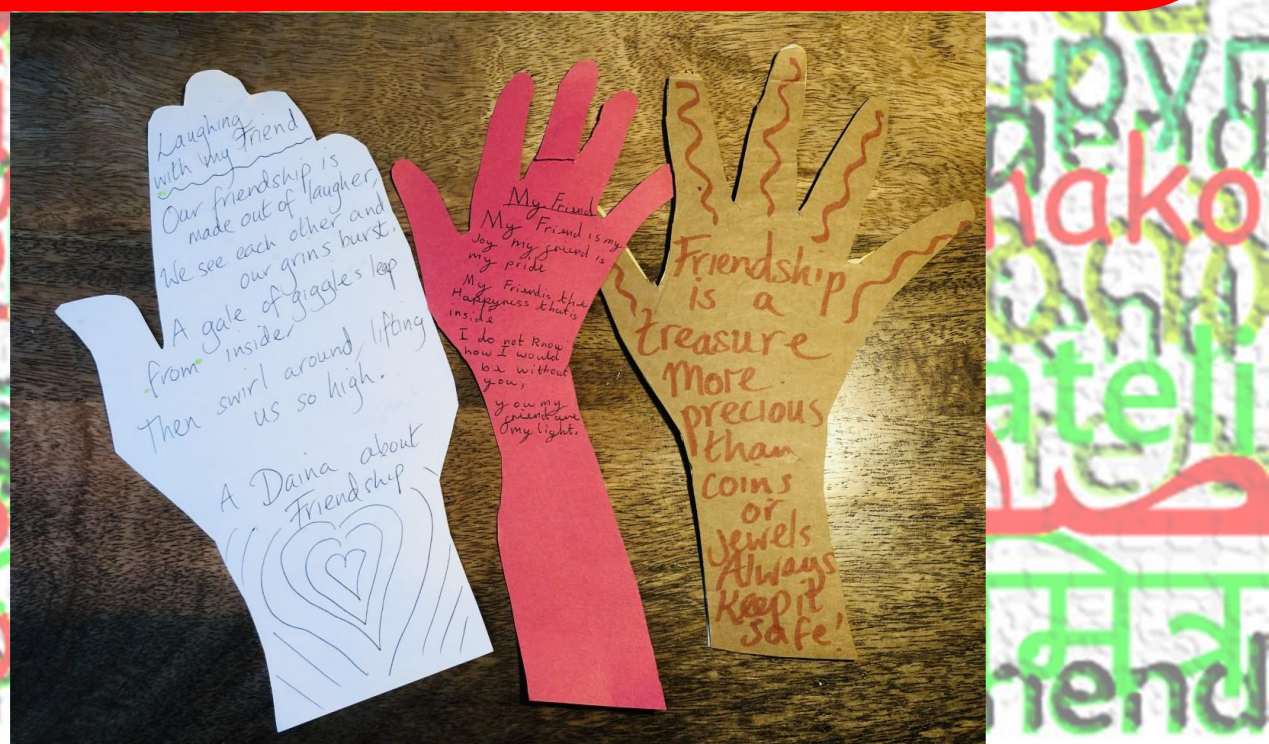
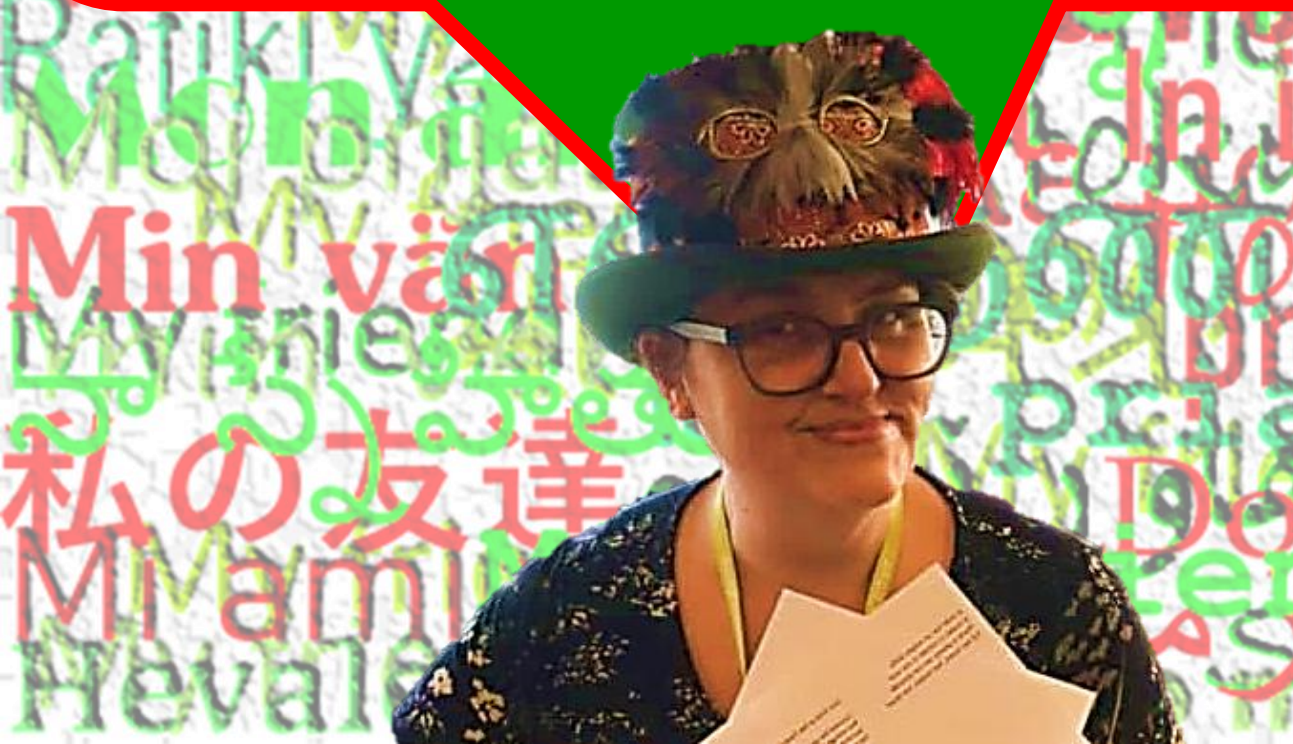
This year we want you to create poetry about 'Friends' and Friendship'.

You can use the theme 'friends' any way you like.

The important things are that you create a new piece of poetry, you play with languages if you can, you share your poetry with as many people as possible and you have fun being creative!

I've asked some friends to help you get started. We have written new friendship poems, made little films and shared lots of ideas. There are also some fun artworks to make. Work with friends, work with family have some fun!

We hope this will help you get creative. Then you can share what you have made with us and the world!



We have made some worksheets to get you thinking about friends and friendships.
You might like to use one to warm up your thoughts.
Right friends!
Let's write and share some poetry!



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