

The Power of Poetry

OPEN TO ALL

An online workshop exploring the strengths and nuances of written and spoken word poems

Facilitator: Dennis Johnstone, award winner of the 2025 Black in White Poetry Competition Workplace Category

Saturday 20 June 2026
2.00pm to 3.30pm on Zoom

Join us to explore how to:

- ♥ Capture jarring moments in everyday settings poetically
- ♥ Use rhythm, pauses, inflexion and stress to shape meaning
- ♥ Enrich poems with linguistic influences and patterns

Also find out about our 2026 poetry competition (closing date: Friday 26 June)

Fee: £5 – registration closes on 19 June (register before 15 June and also get one free poetry competition entry)



To register, log on to ttwf.org.uk/power-of-poetry or scan the QR code. A Zoom invite will follow the day before the workshop.



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Dennis Johnstone

Event Facilitator



Dennis is a multi-award winning poet and healthcare support worker whose poems have been published in *Black in White: White Face, Foreign Hands* and *More Than Words: An Anthology of Winning and Commended Poems* in 2025. His work draws on close observation of work, healthcare, domestic life, and the natural world, and explores how ordinary situations carry ethical weight, political consequence, and philosophical tension. He tends toward a pared back style, attentive to structure, cadence, and restraint, using concrete situations as a means of inquiry rather than overt exposition. He has published poems on his long-running blog, stoneheadcroft.com, since the 1990s.

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Event Organiser



The Transforming Words Foundation is a registered charity founded in 2025 by poet and equality, diversity and inclusion expert Charlotte Shyllon. Our vision is 'Sharing Stories, Shaping Societies'. We do this by amplifying the voices of those who have been marginalised and their allies, providing the tools and platforms to express their experiences and observations of racism through creative writing, visual interpretation and the spoken word. We believe in the power of words as catalysts for change and healing and we are committed to fostering a world where every voice is heard, understood and valued.



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