

**TEACHERS** – Welcome to **Made in Manchester – a poem of 100 languages**.

Over 190 languages are spoken in Manchester, and we would like to celebrate that diversity through poetry. By working with your pupils, we hope to capture a sense of what makes our city special.

**What is Made in Manchester?**

We aim to create a poem in over 100 languages. We will use some lines from a poem written by local poet, Zahid Hussain, and weave lines in different languages into it. We will choose one successful submission per language, and use these to create our new poem.

As a thank you for getting involved, we will enter your school into a prize draw to win a collection of dual language books for your school library. In addition, every child who has their poetry selected for **Made in Manchester** will receive a book token.

**What you need to do**

* Let us know that you’re getting involved, and provide contact details for your school lead
* Use the **Made in Manchester** entry forms with your class. There is no limit on how many classes get involved per school
* The poems need to be completed in both English and the language spoken at home
* You could send the poems home so that parents and family members can help too
* Themes might be family, settling into a new community, friendship, sense of place, pride and identity. Anything that encapsulates what it means to be young and living in Manchester
* The Family Learning team from the Manchester Adult Education Service have offered to support schools with activities/workshops to bring families together to write their poems. Please let us know if you would like them to support your school

**Submitting the entries**

* As a school, please choose your **favourite entry per language** and send this to us
* These can be sent to c.pridgeon@manchester.gov.uk
* Or posted to Cheryl Pridgeon / Margaret Duff, Manchester Libraries, Desk 100 Floor 1, PO Box 532, Town Hall, Albert Square, Manchester, M60 2LA
* The **closing date is 25 May 2018**
* Please email or ring 0161 234 1926 if you have any queries

**Successful submissions**

* We will let you know if any of your submissions have been chosen to be part of the final poem
* We hope to do some filming with children and will be in touch to discuss this if any of your children are selected

**Additional information**

This is the original **Made in Manchester** poem into which the additional lines will be added. We will create a much longer, multi-faceted poem with the entries from schools and community groups.

We are made in Manchester,

We are spun from hope,

We are a city united forever,

Braided into a single rope.

Each thread is corded tightly,

And spans the strands of our voices.

Each fibre of our soul sweeps,

Along each road and street and pathway.

We may speak in a thousand tongues,

But no-one can ever divide us,

We’ll always be too strong,

Because we are truly one.

Manchester is our city,

Manchester is our home,

It can never be just monochrome,

Because it’s woven in rainbows.

We are made in Manchester,

We are spun from hope,

We are its warp and weft,

We are its chorus and its anthem.

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