



## No Place Like Home art and poetry competition 2025



The Sanctuary Foundation is proud to announce the launch of the “No Place Like Home” art competition, a nationwide initiative celebrating the universal human longing for home and the profound impact of hospitality. Open to all ages and artistic abilities, this competition invites participants to creatively interpret what “home” means to them, shining a spotlight on the importance of welcome, belonging, and community.



The competition will showcase creativity across three age categories: Key Stage 1 and 2, Key Stage 3, and Key Stage 4 and 5, expressed through poetry, painting, drawing, digital art, or mixed media. Each entry should be accompanied by a brief explanation of the inspiration behind the work.

Feel welcome to use the short film below to explain to pupils the inspiration behind the competition.

### [No Place Like Home Inspiration](#)

We have assembled a distinguished panel of judges, comprising celebrities, journalists, and refugees. Their top 30 entries will be displayed in the British Library during Refugee Week (16-22 June 2025). The excitement peaks on World Refugee Day (**Friday 20 June 2025**), where the winners will be revealed in a special national online assembly.

Additionally, finalists will have the honour of attending a special prize-giving event at the British Library on Friday 20 June 2025. Here, they will not only receive their awards but also enjoy a VIP tour of the library.

A highlight of the event will be the reading of selected poems by the acclaimed actor Sir Jonathan Pryce.

For those passionate about art, we invite original A4 landscape, two-dimensional artwork in any medium. Aspiring poets can submit original works of up to 14 lines.

The submission period is open from now until **Friday 9 May 2025**. Please submit entries via the Sanctuary Foundation website: [www.sanctuaryfoundation.org.uk/art](http://www.sanctuaryfoundation.org.uk/art).

Together, let's use the beauty of art and the power of our words to highlight that there really is "no place like home"

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