

Spoken Word Power is a fully-funded project supporting primary, secondary and SEND schools in London to creatively champion the spoken word, nurture positive attitudes to language and learning, and provide a platform for young voices to be celebrated.

Taking place next academic year (2026-27), this programme makes language exciting, inclusive and fun, aiming to develop oracy and literacy skills, as well as confidence, collaboration and creative thinking through inquiry-based, collaborative approaches to teaching.

How does it work?

Spoken Word Power is designed for KS2-KS3 classes at Primary, Secondary and SEND schools. Participating students will work with an Eastside Poet in Residence to explore the project's annual theme and embark on a creative journey from idea generation and discussion, to writing, editing and performing in a Poetry Slam at your school.

Nominated poets will represent their class at a celebratory inter-school sharing event in the West End and be published in our annual Anthology.

As part of this programme, will also receive two high-quality teacher CPD workshops and teaching resources to support you through the project and embed spoken word poetry into your school.

Your school receives:

- ★ 2 x twilight Teacher CPD workshops in spoken word poetry and performance (November 2026 and February 2027)
- ★ 5 x half day Spoken Word Poetry Workshops (per participating class)
- ★ Mentoring & support from your Poet in Residence in putting on a school poetry slam
- ★ Trip to the West End for a celebratory Sharing Event, with nominated class poet(s) performing and all participating students attending
- ★ A free copy of the Spoken Word Power annual anthology, including poetry from your school

Key Dates

- Application Deadline: 10am Monday 6th July 2026
- Successful Schools Notified: Mid July 2026
- Project Begins: November 2026
- In-school workshops and in-school slam: January-March 2027
- School trip to West End Theatre: Late March 2027

How to Apply

Visit our website [HERE](#) for instructions on how to apply. You can apply for up to 3 classes but as this is a funded programme, we cannot guarantee you will be offered all classes.

Your school must be located in one of the following boroughs to be eligible to take part: Barking & Dagenham, Barnet, Brent, Camden, Ealing, Hammersmith & Fulham, Hackney, Harrow, the Cities of London and Westminster, Kensington & Chelsea, Newham and Tower Hamlets.

This is a funded programme, however, we require a one-off commitment fee of **£120 per class** to confirm your place on the programme.