

FAIRTRADE POETRY COMPETITION 2009-2010

AGE CATEGORIES: 5-8yrs / 9-12yrs / 13-16yrs / 17-20yrs / 21+

The THEME is FAIRTRADE – To find out more, go to:

- the Fairtrade Foundation website www.fairtrade.org.uk
- Chesham's Fairtrade website www.chesham4fairtrade.co.uk
- or to Chesham Library, which has a selection of books on Fairtrade.

DEADLINE for entries to be received is the **31st January 2010**.

The STYLE – Any style will be acceptable.

The LENGTH – The maximum length of poem allowed is 32 lines.

SPACING - Single spacing between lines, double spacing between verses.

CONTACT DETAILS – Name, age, category, telephone number, email address – All to be included on a separate sheet of A4 paper and stapled to the poem. Name only to be included on the printed poem itself. Only one poem per entrant is allowed.

PRIZES AND AWARDS – Fairtrade prizes with certificates will be presented to the winners of each category, at the Fashion Show and Poetry Awards Evening to be held on the 4th March 2010 at The Elgiva Theatre. Runners up and commended entries will be listed in the fashion show programme and displayed in Chesham Library (space permitting). Winners of each category will have the chance to read out their poems on the 4th March 2010, or they can request someone else to read it for them. The overall winning entry, announced on the night, will be performed by Shed@ThePark Theatre Company at one of their performances in 2010.

COPIES - Hard copies to be sent to one of two addresses:

- Fairtrade poetry competition, 6 Bevan Hill, Chesham, HP5 2QS
- Fairtrade poetry competition, Chesham Town Hall, Chesham, HP5 1DS

Please note that entries are non-returnable. The winning entries may be used for publication or otherwise for a year after by Fairtrade. Copyright will stay with the writer.

No poems which have already been published can be accepted. No correspondence will be entered into and the decision of the judges is final and absolute.