

# ONE WORLD

WAKEFIELD DISTRICT CITY OF SANCTUARY

WRITING COMPETITION 2019/20 THEME: ONE WORLD

'BIRDS WITHOUT SKY'



'WE ARE CITIZENS WITHOUT A HOMELAND  
HUNTED LIKE BIRDS WITHOUT SKY'

THESE ARE LINES FROM A POEM BY MALKA AL-HADDAD. MALKA IS A POET, AN ACADEMIC, A HUMAN RIGHTS ACTIVIST AND AN IRAQI ASYLUM SEEKER. HER POEMS EXPRESS LONGING FOR HER HOME AND EXPLORE THE EXPERIENCE OF HER EXILE.

You are invited to submit a poem or prose which explore the theme of 'One World' as widely as you choose.

Winners and those commended by the judges will be published in a City of Sanctuary pamphlet.

City of Sanctuary is a national movement to offer welcome and support to those who have fled war, poverty and oppression. We offer the hand of friendship and practical help to many who otherwise are destitute and alone.



Rules & entry form overleaf

Wakefield District  
City of Sanctuary

First Prize £100  
Second Prize £50  
Third Prize £25

## RULES

1. Poems or Prose on the theme of 'One World' must be original, unpublished and not yet accepted for publication. Entries should be written in English and not exceed 40 lines.
2. Each entry must be typed, single spaced, on one side of A4 paper, which **must not bear the name of the writer or any form of identification**. Title/s of writing and the name and address of the writer should be clearly listed **on the entry form** or a separate sheet.
3. The entry fee is £3 per entry, £5 for two entries. Additional entries £2 each.
4. Receipt of entry acknowledged only if a SAE. marked 'Receipt' is enclosed with your entry.
5. A list of winners will be sent if a SAE. marked 'Prize Winners' is enclosed with the entry.
6. Copyright will remain with the Author, but the organisers reserve the right to publish any Winning or Commended writing up to one year after the end of the competition.
7. Winning and Commended writers will be notified in advance and invited to attend a Prizegiving.
8. The judges' decision is final and no correspondence will be entered into regarding the results. The writing will not be returned.
9. The organisers reserve the right to return writing and entry fees if the need arises.
10. Neither the judges nor organisers are eligible to enter the competition. Clearly marked envelopes should be sent to **Wakefield City of Sanctuary Writing Competition** at:  
Studio 3 The Art House  
Drury Lane WT1 2TE  
Entries to arrive not later than **April 17 2020**

We gratefully acknowledge:

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lines from "Homeland" - by Malka al-Haddad from her book "Birds without Sky"

## ENTRY FORM

Closing date April 17th 2020.

I agree to the rules of the competition.

Signature

Name:(BLOCK CAPITALS)

Address:(BLOCK CAPITALS)

Post code:

Titles of Entry/Entries:

Please continue on a separate sheet if necessary.

I enclose a SAE for acknowledgement of receipt of entry. YES  | NO

I enclose a SAE for a list of Prize Winners. YES  | NO

I enclose a cheque/postal order for £  
(payable to "Asylum Seekers Support Fund")

All monies will go to the Wakefield & District Asylum Seekers Support Fund.

**This entry form can be photocopied**