

## Get Involved!

We need festival volunteers!

If you are interested in learning about running poetry events, fancy some free tickets and have an afternoon to spare, please visit [sheafpoetryfestival.com](http://sheafpoetryfestival.com).

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Welcome to

# Sheaf Poetry Festival '23.

21st-28th May 2023

Sheffield & Online

Our programme celebrates the best in UK poetry, spoken word and lyrics, taking place in venues across Sheffield and the Peak District, with live-streaming for online audiences and live-captioned events.

Our festival **themes** are:

**Activism**

**Access to the Outdoors**

**Brains and Consciousness**

Events include **readings, talks, workshops** and **poetry walks**.

Dead [Women] Poets Society will be hosting our festival residency, with events taking place in the appropriately spooky setting of Sheffield General Cemetery.

Featuring names such as **Inua Ellams, Jen Hadfield, Fran Lock, Yomi Sode, Helen Mort** and many more.

We're proud to be working with local organisations including Hive South Yorkshire, Sheffield Flourish, and the Longshaw National Trust estate.

**Browse the full programme and buy tickets and passes at [sheafpoetryfestival.com](http://sheafpoetryfestival.com):**



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## Sunday 21st May

### The Poetry of Trees with Katharine Towers

@ Longshaw Estate Moorland Discovery Centre, S11 7TZ

**13.30–14.30** **POETRY WALK:** family friendly.  
(Free)

**14.30–16.00** **WORKSHOP: Writing About Trees** with Katharine Towers.  
(Free/£10/£12)

**16.30–17.00** **READING** by Katharine Towers from her book **Oak**.  
(PAYF)

## Friday 26th May

### Dead Women Poets Society

@ Sheffield General Cemetary Samuel Worth Chapel, S11 8NT

**16.00–18.00** **WORKSHOP:** resurrect dead women poets through cut-up poetry and zine-making.

**19.30–21.30** **READING: poetry 'séance'** with **Safia Khan** and **Charlotte Shevchenko Knight** resurrecting Ukrainian activist and writer **Lesia Ukrainka**. Incl. open mic of your favourite dead women's poems.

#JoinTheSéance

## Saturday 27th May

**10.30–12.30** **POETRY WALK: A Longbarrow Press Poetry Walk** with Rob Hindle (Admiral Rodney Pub, Loxley, S6 6RU).  
£3–£10

### Theatre Deli, Arley St, S2 4QP

**11.30–13.30** **Hive Presents: WORKSHOP** for Young Writers with Yomi Sode (for ages 15–25, [e: info@hivesouthyorkshire.com](mailto:info@hivesouthyorkshire.com) to book).  
(Free)

**14.30–15.45** **READING: Hive Young Writers showcase** featuring Yomi Sode and Luke Worthy.  
(PAYF)

**16.00–17.30** **READING: Creatures of the Mind:** exploring human and non-human consciousness with Jen Hadfield, Tania Hershman and Joe Carrick-Varty.  
(£3–£12)

**18.00–19.30** **READING: Speaking Up:** Poetry as Activism with Inua Ellams, Fran Lock and Stephen Lightbown.  
(£3–£12)

**20.00–22.00** **READING: This Land is Our Land:** exploring access to the outdoors through lenses of disability, race, migration and land rights with poetry from Polly Atkin, L Kiew and Jonathan Davidson, and music from Lucy & Hazel.  
(£3–£15)

## Sunday 28th May | Theatre Deli, Arley St, S2 4QP | Online

**14.30–15.30** **READING: Tunes of Enchantment** featuring Warda Yassin:  
(PAYF) an anthology launch of new work by women with roots from Nigeria, Jamaica, Zimbabwe, Somalia, and Iran, supported by mental health charity Sheffield Flourish.

**16.00–17.00** **READING: Poetry Business New Poets' Prize** with Serena Alagappan, Tom Branfoot, Beth Davies & Chloe Elliot.  
(£3–£12)

**18.00–19.30** **READING: Brainwaves:** navigating our mental states with John McCullough, Nafeesa Hamid and Vicky Morris.  
(£3–£12)

### 20.00–22.30 The Sheffield Showcase Closing Party

(£3–£15) with poetry from Helen Mort, Rachel Bower and Sile Sibanda, and music from Rosey PM. Including open mic.

## Online Workshops | Zoom | Free/£15/£18 | 6–8pm

**3rd May** **To Boldly Go Where Everyone has Gone Before:** reclaiming clichés with Jen Hadfield).

**9th May** **Creative Activism:** exploring the radical, social and political through poetry with Fran Lock.

**17th May** **Noticing Small Pockets of Joy:** writing through crises with Polly Atkin.

**24th May** **Risks and Reboots:** experimenting with poetic theme and form with John McCullough.

## Festival Passes

Full events pass..... **£30** (limited availability)

Day events pass..... **£20** (limited availability)

Streaming pass..... **£20**



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