ENGLISH HERITAGE

Untold Stories: Poetry at English Heritage **is a month-long programme which has been curated in collaboration with English Heritage's Poet in Residence for 2020, Jacob Sam-la Rose. Launching on National Poetry Day (1 October) the programme includes new commissions, workshops, a competition and a public programme which will run throughout Black History Month (October).**

Untold Stories Poetry Competition

Untold Stories is your chance to explore your own heritage through poetry; to tell the stories that get left out of the history books and put your voice at the centre of England's Story.

This autumn we're inviting you to write your own poem as part of the *Untold Stories: Poetry for English Heritage* programme. Your poem could be about your own experience, a historical figure that deserves more recognition, or an imagined character who has been 'left out' of the history books.

We want everyone to explore their heritage by capturing the people, places, and communities that have shaped them, and contribute to the heritage that will be handed down to future generations.

Don't know where to start? Delve into your own family history or the history of our sites, or explore the stories of people featured, or perhaps not yet featured, in our Blue Plaques Scheme to spark your imagination.

A winner from each age category (5-8, 9-12, 13-16, 17+) will be selected to be included in the *Untold Stories* digital poetry anthology alongside poems commissioned by English Heritage by poets including Jacob Sam-La Rose and Malika Booker as part of the Untold Stories: Poetry at English Heritage programme.

Our Untold Stories Poetry Competition is open to anyone aged 5 and above and opens at midday on National Poetry Day (1 October 2020). Entry closes at midnight on 13 November 2020.

To submit an entry, please download a form here.

Tag your poem on Instagram or Twitter using #UntoldStories to join in the conversation.

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