

**WRITE
2
SPEAK**



**A SPOKEN WORD PROGRAMME
PRODUCED BY WAC ARTS IN
COLLABORATION WITH
WRITE2SPEAK**





WELCOME

We are delighted to be launching an exciting new spoken word project for Camden Primary Schools.

Listen Up! is a free spoken word programme from Wac Arts facilitated by Write2Speak poets and artists from Central School of Speech and Drama. Through a series of in-school workshops pupils will develop creative writing skills, performance techniques, and explore themes of public space, heritage and identity. The project will culminate in a final sharing for family and friends at Wac Arts, Old Town Hall, Hampstead.

Participating schools will also receive free CPD training, digital resources and a printed poetry booklet celebrating pupil's work.

THE OLD TOWN HALL

This project is inspired by our beautiful home, The Old Town Hall, Hampstead which has served as a venue for key political and social events for nearly 150 years. Through equipping pupils with the skills to explore topics and issues that are important to them, the celebratory sharing will see the building used as a platform for the next generation to express themselves.





WHY TAKE PART?

Thanks to support from Camden Council **Listen Up!** is free for year 5 and 6 classes from state primary schools to take part.

Participating Schools will receive:

- Twilight CPD Training
- Digital Resource
- 3 x 1.5hr in-school workshops
- A performance opportunity at the Old Town Hall
- Printed Poetry Booklets

Curriculum links:

- Language and Vocabulary
- Oracy
- Reading
- Writing
- PSHE
- Performance



KEY DATES

The project has been designed to ensure pupils and teachers have the opportunity to develop new skills and share their work others. Participating schools will be required to take part in all aspects of the programme. Please see the key dates below.

- **Monday 20th October 16:00 - 17:30** - Intro and CPD Training at Wac Arts
- **Thursday 6th or Friday 7th November** – Workshop 1 in school
- **Thursday 13th November** – Workshop 2 in school
- **Thursday 20th November** – Workshop 3 in school
- **Tuesday 2nd December 11:00 - 12:15 or 13:30 - 14:45** - Performance at Wac Arts



MEET THE TEAM

Listen Up! will be produced by Wac Arts who will serve as the first point of contact for all project and event enquires. Workshops and CPD training will be facilitated by artists from Write2Speak, a spoken word collective specialising in working in schools and community settings.

Connor Guffogg and Harriet Ditmore - Project Producers

Connor and Harriet make up the Schools and Communities team at Wac Arts and lead on the administration, creative development and evaluation of activity in education and community settings.

Yossi Goodlink - Lead Facilitator

Yossi is an award-winning London-born spoken word artist, actor & practitioner of performance education. Yossi has performed at venues like BAFTA, Tate Modern and The British Museum and had a series of his videos featured MTV. Yossi's spoken word questions, explores, and portrays the modern world through the mind of a manic yet mindful millennial. Yossi's debut EP 'FOR SOME REASON' is available on all streaming platforms.

As well as producing projects, performing, facilitating workshops and hosting open-mic events, Yossi is currently teaching Spoken Word as a Visiting Lecturer on the World Performance BA (Hons) & Stage Combat BA (Hons) courses at East 15 Drama school.

Tyler Cunningham - Lead Facilitator

Tyler is a highly accredited actor, singer, dancer and practitioner of performance education. Tyler first stepped on stage at the Royal Festival Hall aged 9, as part of a Gospel Concert. Since then he has gone on to work across the globe in stage, screen and musical performance.

Whilst focusing on creating work to empower others, Tyler is still managing to build up an impressive acting CV. His work so far includes: Spider Man Far From Home (Marvel), Boy Meets Girl (BBC), Summer in London (Theatre Royal Stratford East), Flack (UKTV) and Holby City (BBC).



FAQS

How can I apply on behalf of my school?

To apply please complete the online application form using the link below before the deadline of Friday 4th July 2025.

Apply here - <https://forms.office.com/e/ybkDAg1TL8>

How many pupils can take part?

We are able to accept four classes of up to 30 pupils on the programme. Both one form and two form entry schools are encouraged to apply.

When will the workshops take place?

The workshops will take place during the school day either during the morning or afternoon. We will work with participating schools to establish suitable timings.

What will the performance involve?

The performance is an opportunity for each pupil to perform the work they've created in a supportive environment. The performance will be hosted by professional poets and pupils will take turns to share the work they've created during the in-school workshops.

When will the performance take place?

There will be two performance slots on Tuesday 2 December to ensure everyone involved has the opportunity to perform in the Old Town Hall. The performances will take place at **11:00** and **13:30** with schools arriving 45 minutes before their performance slot.

Please note that each class will only take part in one of the performance slots.

Who can attend the performance?

The performance will be open to family and friends to attend and you will be provided with a ticket link to share ahead of the event.

If you have any further questions please contact schools@wacarts.co.uk