

TURKS AND CAICOS ISLANDS HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS DAY POETRY COMPETITION

Use your poetic talent to

**WIN A
CASH
PRIZE!!
\$500**



POETRY TOPICS:

Choose one (1):

- Reforming Remand
- Gun Violence

Open to ages 18 and older in the Turks and Caicos Islands.

Poem must be original (no AI assistance, no plagiarism).

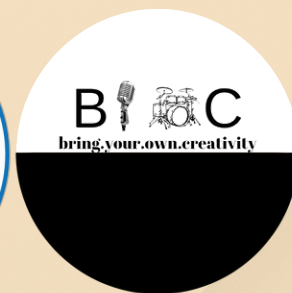
Only one entry per participant.



Shortlisted participants will be invited to perform their poem live at:

**Bring Your Own Creativity
(hosted by Tess Presents)
Saturday, November 8th, 2025
at 7 PM**

**SUBMISSION DEADLINE:
Friday, October 31st, 2025**



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INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS DAY

POETRY COMPETITION

Introductory Summary

The Turks and Caicos Islands Human Rights Commission invites adults ages 18 and up to participate in the **Voices for Rights Poetry Competition**. This year's competition challenges poets to use the power of spoken word to highlight **one** of two urgent human rights issues explored in our community panel discussions:

1. **Reforming the Remand System: Protecting Human Rights and Restoring Confidence in Justice** – Prolonged detention without trial undermines dignity, disrupts families, and weakens trust in the justice system. Poetry can bring voice to the need for fairness, timely trials, and rehabilitation opportunities for detainees awaiting justice.
2. **Gun Violence and Human Rights: Building Safer Communities in the Turks and Caicos Islands** – Gun violence threatens the fundamental rights to life, safety, and freedom from fear. Poetry can call attention to the need for stronger communities, youth opportunities, mental health support, and collective responsibility in addressing violence and restoring peace.

Through this competition, poets are encouraged to craft creative and impactful pieces that inspire awareness, reflection, and dialogue about justice, safety, and human rights in the Turks and Caicos Islands.

Eligibility

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Submission Requirements

- Participants must submit their poem in **written form only** (Word document or PDF).
- Email submission to **vsightbourn@hrc.tc** with the subject line: **POETRY COMPETITION – [FIRST AND LAST NAME]**.
- Email must include:
 - Full name
 - Reliable contact number
 - Email address
 - A copy of the written words to the poem (attached as a Word document or PDF)
- **DEADLINE:** Friday, **October 31st, 2025**

Shortlisted participants will be invited to perform their poem live at:

- **Bring Your Own Creativity** (hosted by Tess Presents)
- Saturday, November 8th, 2025 at 7 PM
- The performance would be held at:

Mangrove Bay Restaurant

Industrial Drive, Discovery Bay, Providenciales TKCA 1ZZ
(Drinks and Food will be on sale)

Evaluation Criteria

- Relation to remand or gun violence focus (human rights perspective)
- Basic grammar and language use
- Comprehension and clarity of message
- Flow of ideas and structure
- Expressive rhythm and performance
- Creativity and originality
- Impact of live presentation (confidence, delivery, and audience engagement)

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Criteria	Max Points	Description
Relation to Human Rights Theme	20	Clearly addresses one of the two issues (remand reform or gun violence)
Basic Grammar & Language Use	10	Clear, correct, and effective language
Comprehension & Clarity of Message	15	Audience can understand the meaning and purpose
Flow of Ideas & Structure	10	Logical development and coherence of poem
Expressive Rhythm & Performance	15	Strong delivery, pacing, and emotional resonance
Creativity & Originality	15	Unique, fresh perspective
Impact of Live Presentation	15	Confidence, stage presence, and ability to engage audience
TOTAL	100	

Competition Disclaimer

By submitting an entry (essay, poem, video, or graphic design) to the Turks and Caicos Islands Human Rights Commission’s competitions, participants agree to the following:

- 1.The submitted work must be original and self-created, without the use of artificial intelligence (AI).
- 2.Participants grant the Turks and Caicos Islands Human Rights Commission the right to use, reproduce, and share their work for promotional, educational, and advocacy purposes on its website, social media platforms, printed materials, and other Commission communications.
- 3.No financial compensation will be provided for the use of submitted works.
- 4.The Commission reserves the right to disqualify any entry that does not meet eligibility, content, or submission requirements.
- 5.Participation in any of the competitions constitutes full acceptance of these terms.

