

A dark blue banner with a spotlight effect. The text 'Stephen Spender Prize:' is in a light green, serif font. Below it, 'Polish Spotlight' is in a larger, bold, light green, serif font, with 'Polish' highlighted by a yellow oval. A spotlight beam shines down on the text from the top right.

# Stephen Spender Prize: Polish Spotlight

TRANSLATE A POLISH POEM INTO ENGLISH!

OPEN TO ALL YOUNG PEOPLE IN THE UK AND IRELAND

The **Polish Spotlight** is a special strand of the **Stephen Spender Prize**, with entries in three categories: **18-and-under**, **14-and-under** and **10-and-under**. The competition is open to residents and citizens of the UK and Ireland, as well as pupils at British Schools overseas. **You do not have to be fluent in Polish to enter the prize**: it is open to all those interested in trying their hand at translation.

**This year, we are inviting entrants to translate one poem from our curated selection, which can be found on our website.**

**Entry is free.** The winner of each category will receive **£100** and the opportunity to have their translation published in the Stephen Spender prize booklet and on our website.

The **Polish Spotlight** will be judged by literary translator **Antonia Lloyd-Jones**.

Entries **open on 24 April** and close on 17 July 2020. Please submit your/your students' translation(s) via our online form.

Resources for teachers and educators to introduce poetry translation as a remote-learning activity are available below.

This is the third year of the **Polish Spotlight**.

- Discover the 2019 Polish Spotlight [winning and commended entries](#)
- Read the 2019 Polish Spotlight [judges' comments](#)

## ADDITIONAL RESOURCES FOR THE POLISH SPOTLIGHT

### **Resources for teachers**

Activity sheets on Polish translation for use in remote-learning are available from the following links. Please note that these are accessible to all learners, whether or not they are familiar with Polish.

#### **'Kurczę blade' by Wanda Chotomska:**

Students' notes: [download pdf file](#)

Teachers' notes: [download pdf file](#)

#### **'Piosenka' by Krzysztof Kamil Baczyński:**

Students' notes: [download pdf file](#)

Teachers' notes: [download pdf file](#)

[Other languages poetry translation activities and resources you might find useful](#)

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## POLISH SPOTLIGHT WORKSHOPS

We have also run a series of 'Polish Spotlight' workshops in schools. Click [here](#) to read about these events. If your school is interested in hosting one of our workshops in the future, please get in touch with the Stephen Spender Trust at: [jamie@stephen-spender.org](mailto:jamie@stephen-spender.org)

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