

THE AWARDS 2020

Research Project of the Year: Arts, Humanities & Social Sciences

Institution name	University of Exeter
Submission title or project name	Places Of Poetry
Nominee/key personnel	Professor Andrew McRae
URL	https://www.placesofpoetry.org.uk/
Submission	<p>Thousands of writers were inspired by Britain's diverse landscape, identity and heritage to produce new poems as part of Places of Poetry, a project which combined ancient creative practice and crowd-sourcing technology. People of all ages 'pinned' their verses onto a distinctive digital map.</p> <p>Railway stations, villages, coffee shops and supermarkets libraries all feature in the 7,500 pinned poems, available online for anyone to read. A total of 150 public workshops were held at some of the country's most spectacular places in summer 2019, from Hadrian's Wall to The Oval, with renowned poets such as Jo Bell, Kayo Chingonyi and Zaffar Kunial giving guidance on writing and producing new work inspired by their Places of Poetry experience.</p> <p>In total 3,200 authors penned poems.</p>