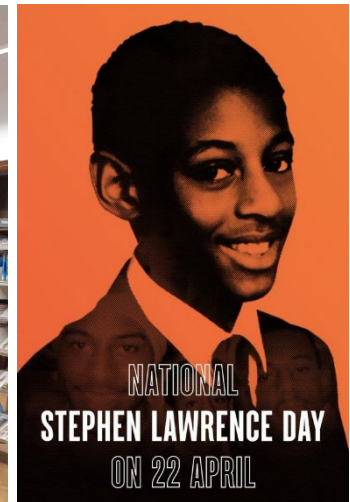


Write a speech and take part in our public speaking event on the theme 'Building Bridges'



Saturday 27 April 2024 – 2pm to 6pm – Leicester Central Library

Since the tragic murder of Stephen Lawrence in 1993, Stephen's family and many others have worked tirelessly to challenge racism, to help us learn and build a positive message from this tragedy. In recognition of **Stephen Lawrence Day 2024**, Leicester Neighbourhood Services (libraries and community centres) invite children, young people, and adults in Leicester to write and submit a speech of up to three minutes on the theme, **Building Bridges**.

Selected speeches will be presented at a free public event to take place at Leicester Central Library on Saturday 27 April (the Saturday after Stephen Lawrence Day) between 2 and 6pm.

Event places will be reserved for families or guests of speech makers and other places will be open for public booking via the library by emailing central-library@leicester.gov.uk or by phoning 0116 299 5401.

Building Bridges is about helping different communities to live well together in our shared city and our shared world. When writing your speech on **Building Bridges** consider...

- What are the things all people have in common?
- How do the differences we have add variety and make the world a more interesting and beautiful place to live?
- What can each of us do to make connections with people from other social or cultural groups than our own?

You may write a speech focussing on just one of these questions or try tackling them all. It's up to you but remember, speeches must be no more than 3 minutes long.

Submission guidelines and terms & conditions

- Speeches must be handed in at your local city library or submitted to libraries-childrens-team@leicester.gov.uk by **Friday 12 April**.
- Submissions from schools, we will send invitations to your school.
- Submissions direct to libraries will need to include your contact details or, if under 16 years, parent/carer contact details – name plus phone number and/or email.
- By **Friday 19 April** we will send out invitations to selected speech writers to speak at our event. The invitation will include an event programme.
- Speeches may be submitted in writing or as a video or audio file and must be no more than 3 minutes long.
- Speeches to be given on the night will be selected 'blind' by a committee of library staff.
- Our selection decisions are final, and no correspondence will be entered into regarding this.
- There will be 4 speaker categories at the event and book prizes for a winner and runner up in each category:
 - Older Key Stage 2: 9, 10, 11-year-olds
 - Key stage 3: 11 to 14-year-olds
 - Key Stage 5 and 5: 14 to 18 -year-olds
 - Adults – over 18-year-olds
- All our speakers will receive a certificate of acknowledgement from Leicester Neighbourhood Services (libraries and community centres).
- There will be a winner in each category selected by anonymous audience vote at the event.
- Each winner will receive a voucher to claim a book to the value of £15 from the library.