

Children's University Club Challenge:

Earth Poem

Essex Book Festival



Throughout 2020 Essex Book Festival has been asking Essex's young people to share their hopes and fears about Climate Change and its impact on their homes and lives.

Hundreds of people have contributed to the Manifesto For Essex in a variety of ways, extending from making their own eco-bunting, creating posters and placards, plus contributing to a community Tree-mend-Us tapestry.

We're now asking everyone to pick up their pens and write - and decorate too, if you like - a poem that celebrates the beauty of the natural world, and why we must protect it for future generations.

A selection of the Earth Poems will be posted on Essex Book Festival's website www.essexbookfestival.org.uk

Evidence: Write your own Earth Poem. We've given you a couple of quick facts which might inspire your poem.

Once you have written your poem submit it to Essex Book Festival. Be sure to let them know that you are a Children's University Learner. You can email it to them ros@essexbookfestival.org.uk or you can post it to them at Essex Book Festival, Centre for Creative Writing, University of Essex, Colchester CO4 3SQ.

To receive your Learning Stamp, submit a copy of your poem to your school too.

Quick Fact Number 1 - Did you know?

Essex has one of the longest coastlines of any county in England measuring 350 miles long. One of the most diverse, a place of surprising wild beauty, and rich in wildlife, the Essex coast is also one of the most vulnerable to flooding.

Quick Fact Number 2 - Did you know?

Trees play a vital role in combating Climate Change by removing dangerous carbon emissions from the atmosphere. Around 375,000 trees will be planted in Essex over the next five years to help tackle climate change. This is the equivalent to the size of 210 football pitches.

1 CU Credit for completing this challenge. To claim your credit, please complete your CU Club Reflection Diary and return to your school along with a copy of your poem.

Finally: Remember to add the Learning Stamp to your Digital Dashboard once you receive it from your school.

