**Hard Rain Poetry**

**Isis café, 910 Stockport Road, Levenshulme, M19 (near Albert Road)**

**Welcome to Hard Rain Poetry**

**What is Hard Rain Poetry ?**

Hard Poetry is a free voluntary community development project which encourages local creative expression. The aim is to bring people together in a friendly and beautiful environment to hear poetry, have a go at writing and share ideas. It runs on the last Monday of the month (except December). Hard Rain Poetry welcomes everyone, whatever your background or experience.

**History**

The initial idea for a local poetry night was put forward by Mike Lyons artist and owner of the Isis Cafe. The first event was held in August 2009. Mike died in August 2013**,** in his last dayshe expressed awish that Hard Rain Poetry events continue at the Isis cafe.

**Future**

Hard Rain Poetry carries on in the spirit of service to the community. It welcomes everyone to contribute and share in the joy that creativity and poetry can bring to our lives.

**Ground rules**

* **Respect for each other and listening and speaking one at a time**
* **Everyone take responsibility for creating a friendly and safe environment**
* **It is okay to make “*mistakes”-* we will find ways to create and learn from them**
* **Feedback should be positive. e.g. “I like the way you described….”, “I enjoyed your reading style.”**
* **It can be in the form of a question. e.g. if you didn’t understand something or a helpful suggestion**

**Workshop 6pm-8pm**

Themed workshops which include sharing ideas about life and poetry, reading and writing and other creative exercises. No writing experience necessary.

**Performance 8pm-10pm**

Includes readings by a guest poet or writer and “open mic” slots. “Open mic” is a chance for you to read your own poems or poems by other poets.

**How you can get involved:**

* attend the workshop- no experience necessary
* attend the performance- hear or read poetry and stories
* help to run a workshop
* be a guest poet/writer
* suggest ideas for future sessions
* help with publicity
* help with setting up or clearing up the space

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