

FESTIVAL OF THE SPOKEN WORD 2026

Saturday, 17th October 2026 at 10:30am

Venue: Templepatrick Presbyterian Church Hall

(750 Antrim Road, Templepatrick, Ballyclare. BT39 0AP)

Welcome tea/coffee & scone will be served from 10:00am.

Please bring a packed lunch/snacks.

Class 1 Magherafelt Trophy - Prepared Speech -
Three-minute prepared speech

1. *Is housework really necessary?...*
2. *A 'trip' I have made...*
3. *It's not my job!...*

Class 2 Army Trophy -
Sight Reading

Class 3 Lambeg Trophy -
Poem by an Irish Poet – Choose your own poem
lasting two-three minutes.

*(You may not use any poem that you have used in either of
the last two Festivals of the Spoken Word)*

Class 4 Phillipine McCoy Trophy -
Humorous Verse

Class 5 Aileen Chapman Trophy -
A poem written by a member of the Federation of
Women's Institutes of Northern Ireland

Class 6 Downpatrick Trophy -
Prepared Prose -
A piece of own choice -
Maximum time allowed:
Three minutes

**Copies of pieces for classes 3, 4, 5 & 6 should be attached to entry form,
and enclosed with fee of £3.00 per class.**

(Cheques should be made payable to: FEDERATION OF W.I.N.I.)

Entry fee for spectators: £5.00pp (payable on the day)

Closing date for entries: Friday 2nd October 2026.

Please adhere strictly to the closing date, this is very important in order to give the adjudicator time to read.

Changes of chosen pieces or classes cannot be made after entry forms have been submitted.

****Please note: At all Arts events only fundraising by the Arts Sub-Committee is permitted.***

Institute

Name & address	Telephone number (including code)	Class number & title of piece/poem

Please return completed form with copies of pieces (where necessary) and fee attached to:
FWINI, 209/211 Upper Lisburn Road, Belfast, BT10 0LL.