



THIRD SPACE

A POETRY ANTHOLOGY EXPLORING BELONGING
VARIOUS

CURATED BY SUMAN GUJRAL

WITH FARHANA SHAIKH, NAVKIRAN KAUR MANN, RESHMA RUIA
AND GITA RALLEIGH

- An anthology of verse celebrating diversity in identity.
- Spearheaded by a panel of acclaimed and respected judges.
- A platform designed to help raise the voices and profiles of South Asian poets, who are underrepresented on the UK scene.
- Follows the success of Renard's *New Beginnings*, *Spectrum* and *Kinship* projects.
- Part of a project funded by the Arts Council that seeks to promote South Asian writers.

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British South Asian poetry is flourishing throughout the UK, but it is still not being amply reflected in mainstream publishing. The Third Space project was conceived by award winning artist and poet, Suman Gujral, and has its eye on filling this gap and celebrating the best of the South Asian poetry scene.

With funding from the Arts Council supporting various projects and events during the summer of 2024, Third Space culminates in this anthology of some fifty South Asian poets, and is a celebration of talent, a communion of imaginations from all over the world and an inspiration for would-be writers with their writing career ahead of them.

ABOUT THE CURATOR:

Suman Gujral is a multidisciplinary artist working with print, textile and poetry. Her parents were forcibly displaced by the 1947 Partition of India, and came to the UK seventeen years later. Her history as a child of refugees and immigrants underlies her practice, and community engagement, inclusivity, compassion and joy are central to her work. She reflects on the cycle of war and displacement, rooted in colonial action, which un-homed her parents, through visual and written works, and is awed by the human ability to survive – thrive, even – in the aftermath of traumatic events. She strongly believes that art should be part of our everyday lives rather than a white-space experience.



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