

# POEM WITH A CAUSE:

Writing about What Is Meaningful to Us  
—a poetry writing workshop

Saturday, October 14, 2023

1:00-3:00 p.m.

Durant Arts Center, 1605 Cameron Street, Alexandria, VA 22314

City of Alexandria Poet Laureate Zeina Azzam is pleased to announce a poetry workshop for the community titled "Poem with a Cause: Writing about What Is Meaningful to Us." It is sponsored by the Alexandria Office of the Arts.

This workshop will explore poetry that engages with local and global issues. Whether we are opposing wars, supporting efforts to address climate change, or advocating for civil rights and human rights (and so much more), poetry offers a way to express ourselves, enlighten others, and spur change around us. Participants will read examples of poems that speak to different kinds of social and political issues and discuss how poets choose to approach and write about them. Elements such as tone, voice, and metaphor will be highlighted. Come with ideas for a poem that you would like to write, and bring paper and pen (or a laptop) for the writing portion of the workshop.

**Registration is free:** Please register as soon as possible; early registrants will receive confirmation of attendance by October 6. Space is limited to the first 15 registrants. If interested in attending, email your name, home address, email address, and phone number to the Office of the Arts at [poet@alexandriava.gov](mailto:poet@alexandriava.gov).

**Public transportation:** Take Metro (blue or yellow line train) to King Street and then the free King Street Trolley, which will take you to the corner of King Street and Harvard Street. Walk .2 miles to the Durant Center.

**Parking:** There is metered parking on the streets in Old Town, and a limited number of parking spaces in the parking lot at the Durant Center.

**Questions:** Contact the Alexandria Office of the Arts at [poet@alexandriava.gov](mailto:poet@alexandriava.gov)