The Space Beyond Submission Guidelines

The Space Beyond is a bi-annual print and online magazine, celebrating writing and artwork from Beyond the Spectrum members.

It is free to submit to The Space Beyond, and if your piece is selected for inclusion in the magazine you will be paid £50 (or £25 for very short pieces). We pay £75 for the photography or artwork chosen for the cover.

The theme for our December issue is 'Worlds' - This can be interpreted however you like, but we have shared some examples below to help you get started if you need it:

- Your world: Writing about how the world is now, nature & climate, your community, places that are important to you, your favourite part of the world
- How you would like to see the world: Writing that imagines a better world, a world suited specifically to autistic people, what they world would be like if you designed it
- Worlds you can imagine: Writing set on other planets, fantasy writing set in worlds you have invented, the future of our world

Submissions open on Thursday 1st October. The deadline for submissions is 2pm on Thursday 29th October 2026.

Submission guidelines:

- **Please submit no more than three pieces per open call.** If you submit more than 3 pieces, we will only consider the first three.
- We accept submissions from all neurodivergent writers, but our Beyond the Spectrum members will be prioritised.
- Some issues have themes, but they can be interpreted as broadly as you wish.
- Submissions don't have to be about Autism or neurodivergence. They absolutely can be, but we are looking to publish a range of work.
- Poetry: We accept poems of no more than 40 lines.
- Prose/ creative non-fiction: We accept short fiction or creative non-fiction of no more than 1000 words. We can only publish one or two longer pieces, so shorter pieces have higher chance of acceptance.
- Artwork: We accept artwork and photography to be used within the magazine and the cover. These are included in the maximum of three submissions. They must be your own work.
- All writing, artwork and photography must be 100% your own work- no AI!
- Submissions can be made by email to admin@beyondthespectrum.uk
- Please send your submission as an email attachment and as an editable document (for example Word or Google docs).
- We are not able to accept PDFs, .pages documents or WeTransfer links.

We cannot accept submissions that do not follow these guidelines. If you're unsure of anything, please email us at admin@beyondthespectrum.uk

We will respond to all submissions regardless of outcome.