

**Organisation:** Friends of the Reading Bus

**Aim:** Based in Aberdeen, Friends of the Reading Bus aims to:

- promote reading as a source of lifelong pleasure
- raise attainment and achievement of children at risk of early failure
- encourage family learning in a non-school environment
- involve and empower fragile parents in their pupils' learning

**Bursary amount:** £2,000

**Spend:** Since receiving the bursary, the Friends of the Reading Club have held a number of poetry classes throughout the City and Shire.

The bursary has allowed them to provide youngsters to work with a professional poet to create their own poems inspired by trees, in either their school, playground or local environment.

With help from Greenspace, the children will plant their own tree in their School playground, along with copies of their poems in the hope that their words will nourish the tree, in a tree planting ceremony. The poems and photographs from the ceremony will also be put on The Reading Bus website [www.readingbus.co.uk](http://www.readingbus.co.uk)

