Local people bridged the generation gap when they read poems from their own book at the Poetry Library in the Royal Festival Hall recently.

Mahboob Ahmed, Fatima Begum and Ashik Ali – they are pictured left to right – met Ethel Bird, Mrs Brown and Mrs Johnson to read from Splash! Amazing Poems from the World of Water.

A collection of all the poems from the book is on show at the Royal Festival Hall until October 31.

The exhibition proved so successful when it was on show in the borough that it was given the chance to attract a London-wide audience.

Local charities Magic Me and Eastside, which link old and young people in shared creative activities, brought together pupils from St Luke’s and Columbia Schools with residents of George Green Day Centre, Isle of Dogs and Silk Court in Bethnal Green. They collaborated to create a collection of poems and artwork on the theme of water. The project was funded by the London Docklands Development Corporation, the London Arts Board, Tower Hamlets Council and Thames Water.

Call Susan Langford at Magic Me on 0181-983 3544.