**CREATIVE WRITING COMPETITION RULES 2024**

**LISTOWEL WRITERS’ WEEK**

* **NO ENTRY FORM IS REQUIRED FOR OUR COMPETITIONS**
* Entries must not have been previously published.
* Entrants who have won 1st prize for a specific competition on 3 previous occasions cannot enter this competition again.
* **All Entries must be typed.** Please retain a copy, as entries submitted will **NOT** be returned.
* No critique on entries shall be given due to the high volume of entries received.
* Acknowledgement of receipt of entries cannot be sent out due to the high volume of entries received.
* Please submit your name and contact details on a separate sheet when submitting by post.
* The competition fees must be paid when making the submission. Payments are taken online on our website.
* An unlimited number of entries per person may be submitted for the competitions.
* The adjudicators’ verdict is final, and no correspondence shall be entered into regarding individual competition entries. Winners **only** will be notified due to the high volume of entries received.
* Awards may not be presented where an appropriate standard is not achieved.
* For further information please contact [brid@writersweek.ie](mailto:brid@writersweek.ie) or by post to Brid Mason, 24 The Square, Listowel, Co. Kerry V31RD93.

Best of luck!

**The Bryan MacMahon Short Story Award**

Prize: €1,000

Maximum Word Count: 3,000 words

Entry Fee: €10 per entry submitted

**Duais Foras na Gaeilge**

Duais: €1,000

Catagóir: Dán Gearr (níos lú ná 70 líne)

Táille: €10 ar gach iontráil

**The Poetry Collection**

Prize: €2,500

Entry: €20 per each Poetry Collection

Entry Details: 6 – 12 Individual poems OR an equivalent longer single work, which may be in sections or in the form of a sequence. This competition is open only to those who have not yet published a complete book of poems. (Individual pieces may have

Adjudicator: Stephen Sexton

Sponsor: Profile Developments

**The Single Poem Award**

Prize: €700

Entry: €10 with each entry submitted

Entry Details: Maximum 70 lines

**The Nilsson Local Heritage Writing Competition**

Prize: €1,400

Entry: Free

Entry criteria: Books submitted for the prize for a given year must be:

1. Published between January and December of the prior year

2. About people and events rather than objects such as buildings, national programs or archeology.

3. Actual history not fictional narrative

4. Focused on an Irish locality or the diaspora from a specific Irish locality.

Entry Details: This Award is for the best book on Local Heritage and History by an Irish author/authors published between the 1st Jauary 2023 and the December 31st 2023. Please submit 2 copies of each book to Listowel Writers’ Week office by March 1st 2024.

**Creative Writing for Adults with Learning Difficulties/Disabilities**

Prize: €1,000

Categories: Short Story (1000 words max) or Short Poem (70 lines max)

Adjudicator: Listowel Writers’ Week Editorial Board

Entry : Free

Details: This competition is open to people with Special Educational Needs over 18 years of age on the 1st March 2024.

**Writing in Prisons Competition THIS IS NOT GOING ON OUR WEBSITE**

Prize Total: €1,500

Entry: Free (All entries must be submitted to The Art Development Worker for the Prison Education Service)

Sponsors: Irish Prison Service, Northern Irish Prison Service & The Irish Council for Prisoners Overseas

Adjudicator: Listowel Writers’ Week Editortial Board

**The Childrens’ Competition THIS IS NOT GOING ON OUR WEBSITE**

Adjudicator: Liz Dunne

Prize:

* Gold: €50 voucher + certificate
* Silver: €30 voucher + certificate
* Bronze: Certificate

Age Groups:

Entry: Free

Sponsor: Robert Vance and Family