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### **Pigott Poetry Prize Increases Award**

### **Listowel Writers Week Celebrates 55th year**

Listowel Writers' Week is pleased to announce an increase in the awards for the esteemed Pigott Poetry Prize, beginning with the 2026 competition. The winner will receive €20,000, with €2,000 awarded to each of the two shortlisted poets.

The announcement comes in a landmark year for the festival, as Writers' Week celebrates its 55th birthday—more than half a century of championing Irish literature, nurturing emerging voices, and welcoming some of the world's most celebrated writers to Listowel.

Now in its 13th year, the Pigott Poetry Prize has become Ireland's largest poetry award for new books of poetry—distinct from collected works—by living Irish poets. Over the past twelve years, the prize has honoured many of Ireland's acclaimed poets, including Paul Muldoon, Martina Evans, Eiléan Ní Chuilleanáin, Tom French, Paula Meehan, and Eamon Grennan.

Irish poets wishing to participate in the 2026 competition are invited to submit their book of poems, published between 1st February 2025 and 1st January 2026. All submissions must be received by Monday 16th February, 2026.

As Writers' Week celebrates its 55th anniversary, the festival looks forward to celebrating the richness of contemporary Irish poetry and continuing its long tradition of supporting outstanding literary talent.

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