Criteria for The Pigott Poetry Prize 2027
in association with Listowel Writers' Week.

- Entries are strictly limited to Poetry Books published between the *1st of January 2026 and 1st January 2027.*
- The closing date for entries is **1st February 2027**.
- The First Prize is an award of €20,000. It will be awarded to the author of the best eligible Book of Poetry in the opinion of the Adjudicators. Each shortlisted author will be awarded €2,000.
- **Five copies (5) of the book can be submitted via post to**: Listowel Writers' Week, The Pigott Poetry Prize, 24 The Square, Listowel, Co. Kerry, V31 RD93, Ireland.
- **PDF version of the book can be submitted via email to** info@writersweek.ie and will only be accepted from an established imprint and on the condition that copies are downloaded for the adjudicators' consideration. If a PDF version of a book is shortlisted the publisher must undertake to produce hard copies and send these by post to us within 10 days of the announcement of the shortlist.
- **NO** formal Application Form is required although the covering letter must clearly state that the book is being entered for the Pigott Poetry Prize.
- The Prize may **NOT** be divided or withheld.
- The winning authors must each be an Irish writer of the Republic of Ireland or Northern Ireland.
- Authors must be living at the time of the award.
- Each Book of Poetry must be in the English language.
- Books submitted for the award must be works of **Poetry**.
- Kindly ensure that the contact information for the author's publicist is included when sending the books.
- If the book reaches the shortlist in **March 2027,** Publishers may be required to submit further copies free of charge for publicity.
- **Books will be accepted only from publishers and agents.**
- No entry shall be ineligible because its author has won any other prize previously.
- The decision of the Chairperson as to whether a book is eligible shall be binding and final and no correspondence shall be entered into.
- The adjudicators will be responsible for compiling a shortlist of three outstanding books submitted for the award.
- The adjudicators are appointed annually by Listowel Writers' Week, and their decision shall be final.
- Publishers must use their best endeavours to ensure that authors whose books are submitted make themselves available for publicity from the shortlist stage in **March 2027**.
- The winner will be announced at the Listowel Writers' Week Opening Ceremony on the 2nd of June 2027.
- Publishers must ensure that **The Pigott Poetry Prize in association with Listowel Writers' Week** is included in the winning author's biography and on the cover of any future editions of the book.
- All decisions of Listowel Writers' Week in any matter concerning the administration, management and or adjudication of this Prize shall be absolute and final.
- Listowel Writers' Week reserve the right to amend and alter these criteria in consultation with and the agreement of the Pigott Family.

If you have any queries regarding the above award, please do not hesitate to contact us info@writersweek.ie