

National Write a Poem Competition 2022-2023



PDST is now taking submissions for the National Write a Poem Competition 2022-2023 under two categories: Junior Cycle and Senior Cycle. We hope that this popular competition will encourage young writers to compose poetry, and we hope that it will assist teachers in supporting the writing of poetry in the classroom and beyond.

Rules of the Competition

- All entries must be submitted as an attachment in the format of a word document by email to **margaretmary@laoisedcentre.ie** by **December 7th 2022**. Entries should not be submitted as a PDF or as a scanned or handwritten document.
- Each entrant may submit one poem.
- Each entry must include
 - a. the title of the poem
 - b. the name of the entrant
 - c. the name and address of the school
 - d. the category
 - e. the teacher's name, email address & mobile number
- Emailed entries must be sent by the teacher or school and not by the student.
- Where an entry is inspired by or written in response to a particular poem, the name of the poem and the poet must be clearly stated on the entry and, where possible, a copy of the original poem should be attached.
- **The competition is aimed at individual writers. Class sets of poems will not be considered as entries for the competition.**
- Poems will **not** be returned so entrants should keep a copy.

Prizes for the Young Poets

The winning poets in each section will receive a commemorative plaque and their poem will be published on the PDST Post-Primary website and printed in the PDST National Poetry Award booklet. Prizes will be presented at the Wellread National Award ceremony which is organised by the PDST in association with Laois Education Centre in the new year.

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