

dlr Local Voices: Poetry Writing Competition

Some of the world's greatest poems have been written during times of great difficulty and change. dlr is delighted to offer an opportunity for local people to get creative and write a poem during the Lockdown in Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown. The theme is open for you to decide.

When dlr Lexlcon opened to the public at the end of 2014, we celebrated with the publication of an anthology entitled *Taking the Plunge*, featuring the work of local writers based in the County. This project is similar. We will publish a selection of your poems in a dlr broadsheet or pamphlet and online on our website. Simultaneously dlr libraries are running a short story competition.

To help you along keep an eye on www.dlrcoco.ie/arts and our social media for tips and advice on writing poetry.

We look forward to receiving your entries!

The 4 Categories and prizes are as follows:

Children under 12:	Winner €100, Runner Up €50
Young Adult 12-17:	Winner €250, Runner Up €100
Adult Over 18:	Winner €500, Runner Up €250
Adult Over 18 Haiku:	Winner €500, Runner Up €250

- Maximum of two entries per individual will be accepted.
- Name and category must be included with each entry.
- In the categories for Children and Young Adult, age must also be given. The name of the parent/guardian must also be given.
- Entries should be typed. Scanned copies of handwritten entries will not be eligible.
- Entry is free and open to all who go to school, study, work or live in the County of Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown.
- Email entries to arts@dlrcoco.ie. No hard copy entries will be accepted, entry is by email only.
- Poems must be in English or Irish.
- Poems must not have been published elsewhere and must be a new piece of work created during the lockdown and the original work of the author.
- By submitting an entry, the author (or the parent/guardian) acknowledges that if it is judged a winning entry, it may be featured by Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council in a broadsheet or pamphlet or on our website or social media platforms. The author retains copyright and may publish the work subsequently following its initial publication by dlr County Council but the Council must be acknowledged in future publications.
- Entries must be received by Tuesday 26th May 2020 at 5.00pm.
- Judges' decision is final. The Council will not enter into correspondence concerning any entry and will not be in a position to acknowledge receipt of entries.

- Results will be announced in mid June and the winners will be published online on the Council's website.

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