

dlr Local Voices: Writing competition – A Creative Ireland Initiative

dlr Libraries would like to invite you to write a short story about this time in Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown. Given the current situation, we'd love to hear your stories, fact or fiction, memoir or journalism – any genre is acceptable but we would like you to reference somewhere or someone in Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown in your story if at all possible. At time of writing, we are all asked to stay within a 5k walking range of our house so your story might include a mention of a local landmark or historical feature.

Our judges are Leo Cullen, Sadhbh Devlin and Sara Keating. We list the maximum lengths below but we welcome stories of any length within that range, so whether you're a flash fiction fan or a 6 word memoir minimalist, get cracking with your creativity!

When dlr LexIcon 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 stories in a dlr broadsheet or pamphlet and online on our website.

We look forward to receiving your entries!

Notes:

The 3 Categories and prizes are as follows in both language categories (Irish or English):

**Children under 12 (Max 500 words) 1st prize €100, 2nd prize €50
and 3rd prize €30**

**Young Adult 12-17 (Max 1,000 words) 1st prize €150, 2nd prize €100
and 3rd prize €75**

**Adult 18+ (Max 2,000 words) 1st prize €500, 2nd prize €300
and 3rd prize €200**

- Maximum of two entries each per individual will be accepted.
- Entries must be within the upper word limit or they will not be eligible for judging.
- Name and category must be included with each entry. In the categories for Children and Young Adult, age must also be given. Please include word length with all entries.
- 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 localvoices@dlrcoco.ie. No hard copy entries will be accepted; entry by email only. If sending in 2 entries, they are to be attached to the one email.
- Stories must not have been published elsewhere and must be a new piece of work and the original work of the author. By submitting an entry, the author 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 social media platforms. The author retains copyright and may publish the work subsequently following its initial publication by DLRCC but the Council must be acknowledged in future publications.
- Entries must be received by **Friday 29 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 by **30 June 2020** and the winners will be published online on the Council's website.

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