

Ulster-Scots Poetry Competition

Thank you for your interest in our competition! To make sure your entries are valid, please follow the rules listed below:

- Poem must incorporate some use of the Ulster-Scots language.
- Open to 4-18 year-olds. The categories are:
 - i. NI Pre-school & foundation stage / ROI Junior & Senior Infants
 - ii. NI Key Stage 1 / ROI 1st & 2nd class
 - iii. NI Key Stage 2 / ROI 3rd, 4th & 5th class
 - iv. NI Key Stage 3 / ROI 6th class plus 1st & 2nd year
 - v. NI Key Stage 4 & Post 16 / ROI 3rd year +
- Open to all schools in Ulster. Limit of three pupil entries in each category per school (only one entry per person). Entries received directly from pupils and/or parents will not be accepted.
- Poems can be written in any style and there is no word or line limit.
- Poems must be typed and finished work must be submitted by the school in email to competition@ulsterscotsagency.org.uk
- The entrant's name, age, category and school must be included with all entries.
- The poem must be your pupil's own, original work. Submitted poems should not contain any material written by anyone else or copied from elsewhere. Ideally, the work should not have been published elsewhere.
- Free to enter.
- Copyright of the work remains with the author; however, submitting it for inclusion gives the Ulster-Scots Agency the right in perpetuity to publish and/or broadcast the work.
- All entries will be assessed on the quality of work and incorporation of Ulster-Scots language as determined by the judging panel.
- Closing date for all entries is Friday 10th November at 5pm.

Prizes are:

- i. NI Pre-school & foundation stage / ROI Junior & Senior Infants - winner £50
- ii. NI Key Stage 1 / ROI 1st & 2nd class - winner £50
- iii. NI Key Stage 2 / ROI 3rd, 4th & 5th class - winner £50
- iv. NI Key Stage 3 / ROI 6th class plus 1st & 2nd year - winner £50
- v. NI Key Stage 4 & Post 16 / ROI 3rd year + - winner £50

In addition, 1 overall winner will be selected from the category winners and will receive a trophy, with their school receiving an additional £250.