

The Pen to Print Poetry and Short Story Competition 2020

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Pen to Print Poetry / Short Story Competition 2020 Rules

First Prize: Tablet PC each for best Poem and best Short Story

- Entries must be the exclusive work of the author.
- They must be typed in English, not have been published before and not be currently entered in any other competition.
- You must **NOT** be a widely published writer, an established performance poet or published poet.
- All entries will be judged anonymously, do not include your name on the script. All entries **must** have the entrants, **Name, Address** a contact **telephone number** and/ or **email address** and the **title** of their submission **on a separate cover sheet**.
- Scripts must be typed, double line-spaced and in a minimum 12pt size Arial font; in a Microsoft Word document format if sent electronically.
- Printed entries must be on A4 size paper.
- The title of the poem / story and a page number must appear on every page.
- All entries submitted can be written in any style or form.
- Entries which exceed the stated length will be disqualified.
- No correspondence can be entered into.
- The judges' decisions are final.
- **Poems** can be of any length but must not exceed **two A4 pages**.
- **Short stories** must not be more than **2,000** words in length.
- Amendments **cannot** be made to entries after they have been submitted, nor substitutions made.
- Please note that scripts cannot be returned, so you are advised to keep a copy of your work.
- By entering you give permission to the London Borough of Barking and Dagenham Pen to Print to publish all or part of your story in any format using any media it chooses you will retain the copyright of your work.
- Authors must be resident in the UK.
- Any breach of the rules at any stage will result in your entry being disqualified from the competition.

For further information or questions please email PentoPrint@lbbd.gov.uk

Winners will be contacted prior to the announcement and will receive their prizes at the Awards Ceremony date to be arranged.

How to Submit Your Entry

Entries must be submitted by **Friday 25 September 2020, 5pm**.

Email your entry **in a Microsoft Word document format** to PentoPrint@lbbd.gov.uk with the **Subject line: Poetry and Short Story Competition 2020**.



Whilst COVID-19 restrictions in place please only submit by email.

(Once the restrictions are lifted, hard copies can be sent to:

Pen to Print Poetry and Short Story Competition 2020.

Pen to Print Office, Dagenham Library, 1 Church Elm Lane, Dagenham, RM10 9QS Entries can be delivered in person or can be posted. If receipt of a script is required, please provide a stamped, self-addressed envelope. Pen to Print cannot accept any responsibility for scripts lost in the post.)

Pen to Print also offer an ongoing programme of free writing classes and workshops please go to **pentprint.org** for details of the latest sessions on offer to support your writing. (Whilst the COVID-19 restrictions are in place any activities will be online only.)



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