

# Sports and Cultural Council

## Poetry / Short Story / Film / Memoir Competition



**Closing Date : 9th February 2018**

<b>Name of Student:</b>			
<b>Email:</b>		<b>Telephone:</b>	
<b>College:</b>		<b>Class:</b>	

<b>Contact teacher:</b>			
<b>Contact teacher email:</b>		<b>Telephone:</b>	

<b>Poetry Category: (circle)</b>	Novice	New Writer
<b>Title of Poems</b>		
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<b>Guidelines</b>		
Entrants may submit up to 4 poems. There are two categories in the competition: <b>Novice</b> and <b>New</b> . There is no limit on length of poems. Skill, experience and subject matter will determine into which category the poem should be entered. Poets are asked to nominate their own category.		

<b>Short Story Category: (circle)</b>	Open ( <b>Leaving</b> )	Novice	New Writer
<b>Title of short story</b>			
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<b>Guidelines</b>			
<b>Open Category</b> - We are asking our most experienced and accomplished writers to write their stories to the theme of ' <b>Leaving</b> '. We encourage writers to use this as a starting point for their story. The theme can be implied in the story and the word ' <b>Leaving</b> ' need not appear in the title or anywhere in the story. Please indicate on the application form if you are entering this category. There is an upper limit of <b>2,500</b> words in this category.			
<b>Novice Writers</b> - The entrants can choose any subject matter and may adopt any genre of writing as long as they create a short work of fiction. In order to develop the story properly, it is recommended that a story in the Novice category should be between <b>700- 1500 words</b>			
<b>New Writers</b> - Entrants may write on either fictional or factual themes. Stories should be between <b>250 and 500 words</b> .			

<b>Film Screenplay Category</b>
<b>Title of Screenplay</b>
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<b>Guidelines</b>
Screenplay submissions should be between 3 and 5 minutes long (approximately 3-5 pages of dialogue). They should be appropriately presented. Writers may choose their own themes.

<b>Memoir Category</b>
<b>Title of Memoir</b>
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<b>Guidelines</b>
Submissions in the Memoir category should be between <b>700- 1500 words</b> . The memoir may be autobiographical or focus on the way of life in the past. Younger students may like to write about an important incident in their childhood or adolescence. The memoir should have a title. Judges will be looking for writing that is interesting, thought provoking or entertaining.

<b>Send entries to:</b> Kathy O'Neill, Crumlin College of FE, Crumlin Road, Dublin 12	*Entrants are advised to keep copies of all their work, as it will not be returned. *All entries should be typed. *Entries of previously published work not accepted. *All entrants must be 16 years of age or over and should be in Senior Cycle of secondary school, a PLC course or other course run by a CDET B College or Centre.
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### **Competition Guidelines**

The SCC Creative Writing Competition aims to be as inclusive as possible. Recognising that aspiring creative writers and students in City of Dublin ETB come from all walks of life, are all ages and are from many nationalities, we have created three categories of competitors so that all entries may be judged on a level playing field. We ask entrants or their teachers to nominate their category but if we feel that entries would fit better into a different category, we reserve the right to change them. Every effort is made to place work of a similar standard in the same category, so that it can be judged fairly.

#### **Open Writer:**

The Open Writer is one with a very high standard of written English. The Open Writer may be an adult with experience of creative writing or a talented young person with creative flair. Open Writing typically has greater complexity of meaning and more fluency of language than the Novice and New categories. For the 2017 competition we ask Open Writers to write to the theme of **'Leaving'**.

#### **Novice Writer:**

A Novice Writer is one with a reasonable standard of written English but may not have much experience in creative writing. This is the category that most school leavers fall into and it is the largest section of the competition.

#### **New Writer:**

A New Writer is someone new to writing in English. A New Writer might be a student of Adult Literacy or a foreign student with an elementary knowledge of English.

#### **Rules:**

The entrant must be a student in a City of Dublin ETB College or Centre. All entrants must be 16 years of age or over and should be in Senior Cycle of secondary school, a PLC course or other course run by a CDET B College or Centre. Evening School students in Creative Writing classes in CDET B Colleges are also eligible. All entries must be attached to an official entry form, which may be downloaded from [www.sccdublin.ie](http://www.sccdublin.ie). A teacher must sign the entry form. The entry must not have been published previously, or have been a prizewinner in a previous