



Creative Writing Competition 2025

Prizes will be awarded in 2 categories:

1. Secondary School Students – including Youthreach Students
2. Primary School Students

Prizes

1st Prize	€50 in book vouchers
2nd Prize	€30 in book vouchers
3rd Prize	€20 in book vouchers

The theme for all writing submitted for the competition should be based on the following:

What Could Possibly Go Wrong?

Submit a piece of writing inspired by those words.

Entries will be judged on:

- Originality
- Use of Language
- Creativity
- Depth of Feeling

Information, Rules and Conditions of Entry

1. Entry is FREE!

- Each Entry must be the **Original Work** of the Author submitting it.
- It should not exceed 2 typed A4 pages.
- It should never have been previously published (in any media), self-published, broadcast, and/or have never previously won any other competition.

2. Please do not put your name or personal contact details on the same page as the creative writing entry itself.

3. Cover letter accompanying entries should include:

- Name, school address, email address and phone number of the school or centre.
- Title(s) of each entry submitted.

4. No alterations can be made to the entry once it has been submitted, and no entries can be returned (so please remember to keep your own copy).

5. The committee will select the three winning entries from a shortlist submitted to them by the Judging Panel. All decisions of the Judging Panel are final, and no correspondence or discussion can be entered into regarding those decisions. Any attempt to contact the judges regarding the competition will result in immediate disqualification.

6. Copyright will remain with the author, but the READ DL committee reserves the right to arrange first publication or broadcast of selected entries as it sees fit.

7. Submission of an entry implies the author's acceptance of the conditions set out above.

8. Winners will be announced on the Closing Day of the Read DL Festival on Thursday 13th March 2025.

Closing Date for receipt of entries is 5pm on Friday 7th March 2025

All entries should be sent or delivered to:

* c/o Ms Adele McElhinney
Read DL Creative Writing Competition
FET Services
Ballyraine Industrial Estate
Letterkenny
Co Donegal
F92 WR89

or emailed to:

bridmcintyre@gmail.com

***Please note the change of address for posted entries.**