



4th Annual Schools Against Racism Poetry and Short Story Competition

To mark the EU Year of Intercultural Dialogue 2008 & International Day Against Racism March 21, 2008 the National Consultative Committee on Racism & Interculturalism (NCCRI) & the Equality Commission for Northern Ireland (ECNI), in association with Poetry Ireland, will hold a poetry & short story competition for schools.

The competition aims to combat racism & to celebrate the variety of cultures & people living in Ireland today. The theme of this year's competition is **respect**

The competition is open to pupils of all post-primary schools in Ireland, North & South. This year the guest languages are French & Polish. Poems & stories can be in Irish, English, French & Polish. Entries from Youthreach participants or similar fulltime educational courses, members of the Travelling Community & other minority ethnic groups are particularly welcome

The Schools Against Racism Poetry/Short Story Competition Awards Ceremony will held on Wednesday, April 9th 2008 in the Linen Hall Library, Belfast at 5pm

To Enter

Please fill out the enclosed entry form, attach it to your poem or story & send it with three additional copies & entry fee to: Schools Against Racism Poetry & Short Story Competition, c/o Poetry Ireland, No. 2 Proud's Lane, St. Stephen's Green, Dublin 2. **Closing date for receipt of entries is Friday, 29 February 2008**

For further information & an application form please contact Poetry Ireland: writersinschools@poetryireland.ie or 01-7458601. Alternatively you can contact the Equality Commission for Northern Ireland at JGlackin@equalityni.org or visit websites at www.equalityni.org or www.poetryireland.ie or www.nccri.ie.





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Schools Against Racism Poetry & Short Story Competition Award

- Open to any student attending a post-primary school or Youthreach centre or similar educational programme
- Winning poems & short stories will be chosen from a shortlist
- Junior winning poem (age 12-15): €200 with €400 to the school library
- Junior winning short story (age 12-15): €200 with €400 to the school library
- Senior winning poem (age 16-18): €200 with €400 to the school library
- Senior winning story (age 16-18): €200 with €400 to the school library
- French poem or short story: €200 with €400 to the school library
- Polish poem or short story: €200 with €400 to the school library
- Overall winner: €200
- Awards ceremony will take place on Wednesday, April 9th 2008 in the Linen Hall Library, Belfast at 5pm
- Winning poems & short stories will be published in *Spectrum* (NCCRI) *Equality Focus* (ECNI) & on the Poetry Ireland website www.poetryireland.ie/education

Judges

Michael Longley

Nuala Ní Dhomhnaill

Piotr Sommer

Jean-Philippe Imbert

For biographical information see www.poetryireland.ie/education



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Conditions of Entry

- €2/£1 entry fee per entrant. Payment by cheque or postal order. Submissions & payment to be sent to Writers in Schools, Poetry Ireland, 2 Proud's Lane, Off Stephen's Green, Dublin 2.
- Poems & short stories should be written in English, Irish, French, or Polish
- Poems no longer than 40 lines
- Short stories no longer than 1500 words
- Each poem or short story must be typed or clearly written on one side of the paper only
- The name of the entrant must **not** appear on poem/short story
- Poems/stories must be attached to an entry form, with three additional copies. The entrant's name should not appear on the additional copies.
- Poems or short stories must not have been published prior to entering the competition & should not appear in print or be broadcast in any form before the announcement of competition results
- No entries can be returned

Eligibility

- Any person resident in the island of Ireland
- Entries are welcome in Irish, English, French & Polish
- Must be attending a post-primary school, Youthreach centre or similar fulltime educational course

The Judging

- The final selection made by at least two judges
- The judges' decision is final & no correspondence can be entered into regarding their decision
- Prize-winners will be notified in advance & the award ceremony will take place in Belfast, on Wednesday, April 9th 2008
- All prize-winners will be expected to attend the Award Ceremony

Copyright

- Copyright will remain with the competitor; however Poetry Ireland and the NCCRI reserve the right to arrange the first publication or broadcast of selected poems.

Submission of a poem or short story implies the competitor's acceptance of the conditions set out above.



European Year of Intercultural Dialogue Bliain Eorpach na Dialóige Idirchultúrtha 2008

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Entry Form:

Name:

Address:

Telephone:

Fax:

Email:

Age:

Class:

School/Youthreach centre:

I enclose the following poem/story entitled: