



MORE THAN WORDS 2024 Open Poetry Competition for Young People and Open Short Story Competition for Young People - rules for entry

1. These two competitions are open to anyone living in a North Somerset postcode who is 14-18 years of age only.
2. Entrants must be in full or part-time education at a school or college
3. Entries must be typed (1.5 line spacing preferred), written in English and:
 - a) Poems must be no more than 40 lines in length (excluding title)
 - b) Short stories must be no longer than 500 words (excluding title)
4. Each entrant may only submit one poem/one short story.
5. Do not use offensive, discriminatory language, or language promoting hate speech or violence, in your poem or short story. Doing so will lead to disqualification.
6. Your name, or any other identifying marks, should not be added to your poem/short story.
7. The poem/short story must be your own, original work and should not have won another competition or been previously published in print or online.
8. No changes will be permitted once work has been submitted.
9. These competitions are not open to any person affiliated with Clevedon LitFest, partner organisations or their immediate relatives.
10. Entries not following these rules will be disqualified.
11. The judges' decision is final and no feedback will be given.
12. Keep your own copy of the work as entries cannot be returned.
13. Copyright is retained by the author.
14. Prize winners will be notified by email to your parent or teacher and will be invited to attend a prize giving event in Clevedon in November 2024 (details to be confirmed).
15. Clevedon LitFest reserves the right to publish video footage, screenshot images and/or photos gathered from the prizegiving event on its website and social media platform accounts. You must inform us if you wish to opt out of this.

How to enter:

- a) Your entry can only be submitted by email, as an attachment.
- b) The subject line must be one of the following:

For poetry entries: 'Poetry Competition - Young People 2024



For short story entries: 'Short Story Competition - Young People 2024'

- c) The body of the email should include your name, your age, a title for your poem/short story, your contact details (including the first part of your postcode for monitoring purposes), the school/college you attend, and an email address for your parent and/or teacher.
- d) If you are submitting an entry for the Poetry Competition and an entry for the Short Story Competition, you must send each one in a separate email with the appropriate subject heading.
- e) Send your email/s, with attachment/s, to: competitions@clevedonlitfest.org.uk
- f) If entry details are NOT completed as above, an entry may not be accepted.

CLOSING DATE FOR ENTRIES: 11.59pm on Monday 12 August 2024 (entries received after that time and date will not be considered).