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Donegal Education and  
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## Creative Writing Competition 2015

This is a creative writing competition for adults (Secondary school entry).

The theme for all writing submitted for the competition is:

‘You can’t blend in when you were born to stand out’

### Information, Rules and Conditions of Entry

1. Entrants may submit an unlimited number of pieces of Creative Writing.
2. Entry is FREE! Each entry must be:
  - 500 words or less
  - The original work of the author submitting it.
  - Never previously published (in any media), self-published, broadcast, and/or have never previously won any competition.
  - Typed on one side of the paper only

#### Criteria for the Creative Writing competition :

- It must tell a complete story—with a beginning, middle, and end
  - It must have a setting
  - It must have at least one identifiable character
  - It must contain a situation/conflict and a resolution
  - It cannot be a descriptive passage, a literary reflection, an essay or a poem
3. Please do not put name or personal contact details on the same page as the creative writing entry itself.
  4. Cover letter accompanying entries should include:
    - Name, address, email address and phone number of author.
    - Title(s) of each entry submitted.
  5. 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).

6. 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 in regard to the competition will result in immediate disqualification.
7. 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.
8. The 1<sup>st</sup> Prize winning author will be invited to read their selection at the READ DL Closing Ceremony
9. The three winning entries will be published in North West Words Magazine. Authors of the three winning entries will be invited to read their selections at a North West Words event.
10. Submission of an entry implies the author's acceptance of the conditions set out above.

### **Prizes**

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

### **Closing Date**

**All entries must be received by 5pm, Friday, 13<sup>th</sup> March 2015.**

All entries should be sent or delivered to:

Bríd McIntyre  
Adult Education Centre  
Ard O Donnell  
Letterkenny

or sent by email to:

[bridmcintyre@donegaletb.ie](mailto:bridmcintyre@donegaletb.ie)