

# Writing Competitions

*With prizes and publicity opportunities for the winners*



**Entries are invited for writing competitions organised by the Write By The Sea 2018 literary festival (WBTS) which takes place from Friday 28<sup>th</sup> to Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> of September 2018**

In keeping with Kilmore Quay's maritime location and traditions, the general theme is **Coastlines**, and entries can relate to local, national or international locations and situations with links to that theme. There are three categories:

1. **Fiction Short Story** (maximum 2,000 words)
2. **Memoir** – a factual account of a memorable moment (maximum 800 words)
3. **Poetry** (maximum 40 lines)

The independent panel of judges will pick one winner in each category, and one of the three category winners will be selected as the overall winner.

Each category winner will be invited to the Festival for Sunday, 30<sup>th</sup> of September and will be given two day-passes (worth €80), allowing two people free entry to the various workshops, talks, interviews and other events.

Category winners will be presented with an inscribed trophy and will be given the opportunity to read their winning works at a prize giving ceremony as part of the Festival on Sunday afternoon. Winning entries will also be read on the popular maritime programme **Seascapes** on Ireland's national broadcaster, RTE Radio 1, at a later date.

The overall winner will also receive a voucher sponsored by The Coast Hotels & Resorts, Kilmore Quay and Rosslare Strand, Co Wexford for a two-night stay with one dinner for two people in one of their Wexford hotels.

## Rules and Conditions

- 1) All entries must connect with our Write By The Sea 2018 theme of **Coastlines**.
- 2) Entries must be the original and unpublished work of the sender and must be typed on one side only of double-spaced A4 sheets.
- 3) No entry form is required.
- 4) **For each entry provide contact details on a separate cover sheet and not on the entry itself. The cover sheet should include the full name, postal address, phone number and email address of the entrant.**
- 5) Individual entries cost €10 (£8). Any number of entries can be submitted by email, or in one envelope by post, but a €10 fee (£8) must be included for each entry. Writers can enter all three categories once for a single fee of €20 (£17).
- 6) Entries may be submitted by post or e-mail.

**Postal Entries:** please post your entry to Write By the Sea Coastlines Competitions, c/o Elena Winch (Sec), An Nead, Lough, Duncormick, Co. Wexford. A **cheque or money order** made payable to Write By The Sea must accompany your entry. **Please do not post cash.**

**E-mail Entries:** please lodge competition fees into the Write By The Sea bank account, Sort Code: 933341 IBAN:IE34 AIBK93334103135639, BIC: AIBKIE2D, **AIB, North Main Street, Wexford**. Then e-mail your entries to us on [competitionwbts@gmail.com](mailto:competitionwbts@gmail.com) with WBTS Writing Competition in the subject line. All documents should be in Word format and sent as attachments. **For each entry Provide contact details as in 4) above.**

The decision of the judges is final and no correspondence/contact will be entered into. Entrants should retain copies of their work as entries will NOT be returned. Winners will be notified directly and results will be posted on the WBTS website, [www.writebythesea.ie](http://www.writebythesea.ie) in October 2018.

**Committee members and relatives of committee members of the Write By The Sea festival, its agents, contributors or sponsors are not eligible.**

**The closing date for entries is Thursday, 26<sup>th</sup> of July, 2018 and a shortlist will be posted on the WBTS website on Thursday, 30<sup>th</sup> of August, 2018.**