

William Soutar Writing Prize 2016

This annual competition is now in its 15th year and alternates between poetry and short stories. The competition in 2016 requires short stories to be entered.

Entry is free and open to anyone in the world over the age of 16yrs. Individuals are limited to entering **two** short stories only.

Judge: Alex Gray

First Prize: A writing course at the Moniack Mhor Creative Writing Centre or a UK Arvon Writing Centre. The winner will be announced at an event to be held at the AK Bell Library in Perth on Saturday 27th August 2016

Second Prize: £100 Book Token

Local Prize: £50 Book Token will be awarded for the best work from a resident of Perth and Kinross

Competition Rules

The deadline for all entries is Tuesday 7th June 2016

- All entrants must be 16 years of age or over
- Short stories must not exceed **2000** words
- A maximum of **two** short stories may be submitted
- All entries must be typed or word processed, on one side of the paper only
- Two copies of each short story submitted must be provided
- Entries may be in English or Scots
- The competition is open to anyone throughout and outside the United Kingdom
- All entries are judged anonymously, and the name of the writer **must not** appear on the manuscript
- Stories must not have been previously published
- Competition entries cannot be returned – please do not include a pre-paid envelope
- The Judge's decision is final and no correspondence can be entered into
- Alterations cannot be made to stories once they have been submitted
- Entries must be accompanied by an entry form available from www.pkc.gov.uk/soutarprize2016
- There is no entry fee for this competition
- Local entries (writers living in Perth and Kinross at time of entry) can also be additionally entered for the local Soutar Prize. Please tick the box on the entry form if this applies
- It is the entrant's responsibility to ensure that the above rules are adhered to

Failure to comply with the above rules will result in disqualification from the competition.

The winner(s) will be announced at a ceremony on Saturday 27th August 2016. Shortlisted entrants will be contacted. Unsuccessful entrants will not be individually notified. The winning names will be posted on our website (www.pkc.gov.uk/library) following the official announcement on 27th August 2016

If a local entrant wins one of the main prizes, they will not also be eligible for the local prize.

The writers of the short-listed stories grant Perth and Kinross Libraries and Information Services the right to use the stories in publicity material for one year from 27th August 2016 and will be included in a Perth and Kinross Library E-book.

The copyright of each short story remains with the author