

# Discovering World Class Rotherham

## Short Story and Poetry

### Competition Rules

Enter our free Short story and poetry competition on the theme of World Class Rotherham. All winning and selected entries will have their work published in a special Rotherham District Civic Society Booklet and receive a £20 gift voucher.



**ALL** long-listed poets and writers will be named on the Rotherham District Civic Society website as soon as we begin our final deliberations after the closing date in October. We will NOT notify these long-listed entrants by email, so keep our site bookmarked.

Please read the rules carefully before entering the competition. All entries submitted implies acceptance of all the rules. Any failure to comply may result in disqualification.

#### **Rotherham District Civic Society - Civic Day Sat 15th June 2024**

#### **Rotherham Clifton Museum**

This free exhibition on celebrating “**Discovering World Class Rotherham**” will provide an opportunity to explore the subject theme”.

Further information:  
Eventbrite.

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#### **Submission Rules**

- a. For the competitions we require in the body of the email your full legal name and full postal address (under 18 D.o.B and age); NOTHING else. If you don't supply a Rotherham address we will not accept the submission.
- b. In the 'subject' line of the email, write “**Poetry Competition 2024**”, or “**Short Story Competition 2024**”.
- c. Maximum length of each poem entered, excluding title and any blank lines, is 40 lines.
- d. Maximum word count of each short story entered, excluding title and any blank lines is 1000
- e. Each entry should be typed single-spaced (in a standard 10 or 12 point font is recommended) Do not include unnecessary visual design elements such as images, colours or unusual fonts.
- f. The submission must be the original work of the entrant.
- g. The judge's decision is final, and no correspondence will be entered into. Results, including long and short listings, will be published on the Societies website.

## 1. Categories

The competition is open to individuals under 7 different categories living in the Metropolitan Borough of Rotherham.

Category 1	5 - 7 year olds
Category 2	8 – 11 year olds
Category 3	12 -14 year olds
Category 4	15 -18 year olds
Category 5	19 years and above

## 2. Copyright

The copyright of each entry remains with the author but Rotherham District Civic Society has unrestricted rights to publish the winning short stories in any relevant promotional materials. We also have unrestricted rights to publish extracts from published entrants on the website and to use any quotations in any relevant promotional material.

## 3. Fees

There are no fees to enter this competition but is restricted to one submission per person.

## 4. Instructions

- Carefully read the rules and entry requirements and eligibility before submitting your script.
- Check that you have submitted your final finished version.
- Do keep a copy of your entry.
- Entrants must be within the age category.
- Entries must not be generated using AI technology. Any AI-generated entries will not be considered.

## 5. Judging

The Society will have the final say in judging anonymously, where there is no clear winner for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place. The Societies decision is final and no individual correspondence can be entered into.

## 6. Deadline

**Date of last submission entries is Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> October 2024**

Entries received after the closing date will not be considered.

## 7. Results and Award

Winners and authors whose work will be published in the RDCS Booklet will be notified by email after the event **DATE**