

12th October 2018

Re: Call for Applications for Poetry Now Awards

A chara,

We hope that this letter finds you well. We write to once again invite you to participate in the Mountains to Sea dlr Book Festival / Irish Times Poetry Now Award, which is presented annually at Mountains to Sea dlr Book Festival to the author of the best collection of poems in English, published by an Irish poet in the previous year.

The 2019 Mountains to Sea dlr Book Festival will take place from 28th – 31st March 2019. Previous winners of the Award include Leontia Flynn, Paddy Bushe, Caitríona O'Reilly, Theo Dorgan, Sinéad Morrissey, Dennis O'Driscoll, Michael Longley, Harry Clifton and Seamus Heaney. The Award will be presented at Mountains to Sea dlr Book Festival on Saturday 30th March 2019 and is made possible by the generous support of The Irish Times. This year our judges are Moya Cannon, Lucy Collins and Bernard O Donoghue.

Another award, The Shine / Strong Poetry Award is presented annually to the author of the best first collection of poems published by an Irish poet in the previous year. Previous winners of the Award include Rachael Hegarty, Adam Crothers, Breda Wall Ryan, Caoilinn Hughes, Tara Bergin, Michelle O'Sullivan, Billy Ramsell, Grace Wells, Peadar Ó hUallaigh, Nerys Williams and Dave Lordan. The Award will be presented at Mountains to Sea dlr Book Festival on Sunday 31st March at a reading by the shortlisted nominees. The Shine / Strong Award is awarded in memory of Rupert and Eithne Strong and is made possible by the generous support of Shine, the national organisation dedicated to upholding the rights and addressing the needs of all those affected by mental ill health. The judge for this competition will be announced shortly.

I enclose the guidelines for both awards, which gives details of eligibility and how to submit a collection for consideration. As you will see, the deadline for entry is Friday 30th November 2018 at 12 noon. No late entries will be accepted. The judges are particularly keen to see all the books published in 2018 rather than a shortlist from each publisher as it is important for all concerned – poets, publishers and judges, that the Awards are based on a true reflection of all that has been published in a given year.

We can reassure you that each and every submitted publication is given serious consideration. These prestigious awards single out poetic work of the highest quality and garner significant attention for the books of the winning authors, something of lasting benefit to publishers and writers alike.

If you require any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me at mountainstoseadirect@dlrcoco.ie or Brid at admin@mountainstosea.ie or 01 231 1444.

Looking forward to hearing from you

With best wishes



Liz Kelly
Director, Mountains to Sea dlr Book Festival 2019



PUBLISHERS GUIDELINES – Mountains to Sea dlr Book Festival / Irish Times Poetry Now Award 2019

- The Mountains to Sea dlr Book Festival / Irish Times Poetry Now Award is presented annually to the author of the best single volume of poems in English published by an Irish poet in the previous year.
- The Award is generously sponsored by The Irish Times and is part of Poetry Now at Mountains to Sea dlr Book Festival, which will run from the 28th – 31st March 2019.
- Each press (but not individual poets) must submit **four copies** of each title eligible for the award (which will not be returned) **before 12 noon on Friday 30th November 2018**.
- Entry is open to poets who are citizens of Ireland or who have been Irish residents for the past five years or longer.
- No late entries will be accepted.
- Collections must have been published during 2018, and must have a 2018 publication date on the book.
- Titles should be sent to:
Poetry Now, c/o Diffusion Events
Station House
Station Road
Shankill
Dublin 18
IRELAND
- Translations are not eligible.
- "Best of" collections or selected editions including previously published work are not eligible.
- The entry must be in book format and not in the format of a e-book, magazine, pamphlet, periodical or anthology.
- All books must carry an ISBN.
- Applicants will receive a receipt of submission by email, but the festival staff and judges will not enter in any communication on the status of an entry during the judging process.
- The shortlist of 5 titles will be announced prior to the festival and the winner will be announced in The Irish Times and during Poetry Now at Mountains to Sea dlr Book Festival.
- The prize-winner will receive €2,000.
- The judges' decision is final.

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PUBLISHERS GUIDELINES – Shine / Strong Poetry Award 2019

- The dlr Shine / Strong Poetry Award is presented annually to the author of the best first collection of poems published by an Irish poet in the previous year.
- The Award is part of Poetry Now at the Mountains to Sea dlr Book Festival.
- The Award will serve to recognise the promise and achievement of both English and Irish language poets.
- First collections published in English or Irish by Irish writers within the calendar year 2018 are eligible.
- Each press (but not individual poets) must submit **two copies** (which will not be returned) of each title eligible for the award before **12 noon on Friday 30th November 2018**.
- Entry is open to poets who are citizens of Ireland or who have been Irish residents for the past five years or longer.
- Titles should be sent to
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- No late entries will be accepted.
- No e-mail submissions will be accepted.
- Collections must be published during 2018 and must have a 2018 publication date on the book.
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- Applicants will receive a receipt of submission by email, but the festival staff and judges will not enter in any communication on the status of an entry during the judging process.
- Short-listed writers will be invited to read at the Shine/Strong Reading during the Mountains to Sea dlr Book Festival, which takes place from 28th – 31st March 2019.
- The winner will be announced at the Shine/Strong Reading.
- The winner will receive €1,000.
- The judges' decision is final.

The Shine / Strong Poetry Award is awarded in memory of Rupert and Eithne Strong and is made possible by the generous support of Shine. Shine is the national organisation dedicated to upholding the rights and addressing the needs of all those affected by mental ill health, through the promotion and provision of high-quality services and working to ensure the continual enhancement of the quality of life of the people it serves.

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Mountains to Sea dlr Book Festival

2019 Poetry Awards

Entrant Name	
Publication	
Publisher Contact	
Address	
Phone	
Email	

Competition to be entered	Please tick
Mountains to Sea dlr Book Festival / Irish Times Poetry Now Award	
Shine / Strong Poetry Award	

Please consult the enclosed guidance notes for each competition for entry criteria.

Four copies of the book must be submitted with Mountains to Sea dlr Book Festival / Irish Times Poetry Now entry.

Two copies of the book must be submitted with Shine / Strong award entry.

Closing date for receipt of entries is **Friday November 30th 2018 at 12 noon.**

Please return this form with your entry to:

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We will only retain and use your data for the administration of this competition and we will not share it with others. If you do not wish to receive future updates from Mountains to Sea dlr Book Festival about Poetry Awards and similar events, please tick here