

## Rules

1. The competition is open to residents of Ireland and international residents.
2. Entries may be in either English or Irish.
3. The closing date for all entries (online and postal) to the competition is Friday 6 May 2022.
4. The theme of the competition is 'A Better Tomorrow'. Only poems on this theme will be shortlisted.
5. Entries are limited to three poems per person. All poems must be uploaded in one saved PDF or Word document (all poems included in ONE document).
6. Please state your Category name in the saved file that you upload.
7. There is no entry fee.
8. Poems must have a title and not exceed 30 lines in length (excl. title).
9. Entries can be electronic or in hardcopy.
10. Hardcopy poems should be printed in black ink on an A4 sheet. However, clear handwritten work will also be accepted
11. Spoken poetry may also be submitted as mp3 audio files. All audio files must be accompanied by a transcript of the poem.
12. Poems must be the original work of the entrant.
13. Submissions should comply with the Dóchas code of conduct on Image and Messaging. See [www.dochas.ie/images-and-messages](http://www.dochas.ie/images-and-messages)
14. Entries must not have been previously published or self-published, in print or online, nor have won a prize in another competition.
15. We define 'Published' as a poet who has had their own collection of poetry published by a third party publishing house.
16. All poems are judged anonymously. Poems will be disqualified if they show name, address or any other identifying mark - all details should be on the entry form.
17. Entry implies acceptance of all the rules.
18. Entries cannot be returned - be sure to keep a copy for yourself.
19. The competition organisers reserve the right to change the judging panel without notice.
20. Copyright of each poem remains with the author. However, authors of the winning poems, by entering the competition, grant Trócaire and Poetry Ireland the right to publish and/or broadcast their poems for two years from May 2022.
21. The judges' decision is final. Neither Poetry Ireland nor Trócaire will enter into any correspondence regarding the final decision or regarding individual entries.

## Categories

The Trócaire and Poetry Ireland competition is open to adult poets, at all stages in their writing careers.

Published or unpublished poems in English or Irish, written or spoken word, are welcome in both categories:

ADULT:                      Published poets  
   Unpublished poets

## Competition calendar

CLOSING DATE:                      6 MAY 2022

AWARDS CELEBRATION:      CULTURE NIGHT 2022 (23 SEPT)

## Education and engagement through the arts

This annual poetry competition raises awareness about current global citizenship, social justice, ecological and equality issues