

Wales U3A Web Site – Short Story Writing Competition (Welsh) 2019

Please read all of this carefully:

The Story

- It must be **in Welsh**.
- It can be fictional or non-fictional.
- It must be a **maximum of 1500 words** (including the title) it could be shorter if you wish. (All word processors have a facility for counting the number of words) **Any script over 1500 words will not be read by the judges.**
- Your story can be on a theme of your choice **or** if you would like it to be included as part of the new castles shared learning project, your story should be set in Wales and include a reference to ‘**a castle or castles**’ in your story.
- Please give your story a title which will avoid confusion with the other entries.
- Worldwide copyright for the story will remain with the author but the organiser will have the right to edit & publish the submitted work on its website and/or in an eBook. If a reference is made to a ‘the castle’ the organiser will have the right to include it use it in published material generated by the Castles shared learning project.
- Poems will not be considered.

The Rules

- The competition is open to current members of all Welsh U3As
- Entry is free but limited to one story per person
- Entries must be received between **1st July** and the **31st August 2019**. However, please send your story in as soon as it is ready, preferably not on the last day.
- Entrants whose stories are short listed for the top ten will be informed by **7th October 2019**.
- The winners will be announced by the **15th November 2019** and receive £25 gift tokens.
- The results will be published on the Wales Web Site and possibly in Third Age Matters.
- The winning entry will be published on the Wales Web Site
- The Judges’ decision is final in all matters. Judges and Organisers will not enter into any correspondence/discussion with any entrant.

How to Present Your Story – Very Important

- It must be clearly typed in black with a ‘normal’ font, double spacing, using Word or Pages format. If you use Open Office, please submit you entry as a pdf.
- The **title** and **category (1st or 2nd language)** must appear at the top of every page.
- **In a separate document**, give the title of your story, category (**1st or 2nd language**), the number of words, your name, address & phone number, your e-mail address, and your U3A. These details will **not** be seen by the judges.
- **Your name and U3A MUST NOT appear in your story.**

How to Submit Your Story

- Your story should be attached to an e-mail and sent to chris.winner@u3a.org.uk. This makes it easier to distribute to the judges.
 - Paper versions will be accepted but if you do not have e-mail, if at all possible, please ask a friend who does, to send it for you. Paper versions make a lot more work for the administrator.
- If your entry has not been acknowledged within seven days then please contact me again at chris.winner@U3A.org.uk

Judging

- The best ten entries will be decided by a panel of judges
- The winning story will be selected by Gareth W. Williams, Welsh Language advisor for the U3A

If you have any queries, please contact Chris Winner at: chris.winner@U3A.org.uk