

Liverpool Poetry Prize – The Rules

Rules: General

- The competition is open to anyone aged 18 or over at the time of entering.
- The competition opens on Monday 29th November 2021 and entries will be accepted until 23.59 GMT on Friday 31st December 2021. Entries received after this date will not be accepted.
- To reduce the administration time your submission is final and cannot be changed. Each entrant can enter only once, only the first entry will be considered and all other entries will be disregarded.
- No current employee or Trustee of The Brain Charity is eligible to submit to the Liverpool Poetry Prize.

Rules: Poems

- All entries are judged anonymously, and the poet's name must not appear on the poem itself.
- All poems must have a title and must not exceed 40 lines in length (excluding title). Entries for the Open Category can be on any subject. Entries for the Neurodi-Verse Category must be in some way related to a neurological condition.
- Poems must be the entrant's original work and must not have been published before.
- Entries must not contain defamatory, obscene, offensive, violent or any other unsuitable language.

Rules: Fees & Entry Process

- There is no entry fee this year for the Liverpool Poetry Prize but if you would like to support the work the charity does, a £3 donation is suggested which [you can donate here](#).
- Send your submission via email to poetryprize@thebraincharity.org.uk and make the subject line of your email your name and the category you are entering. For example Jane Doe – Neurodi-Verse Category.
- Entries will be judged through the following process:
 - All entries will be reviewed by The Brain Charity's Fundraising and Events team. Out of these, 20 entries will be shortlisted;
 - The shortlisted entries will be reviewed by our special guest judge, Roger McGough.
- The judge's decision as to the winners is final and no correspondence will be entered into.

Rules: Winners

- All entrants who provide a valid email address will be notified about the outcome of their entry by Monday 17th January.
- Each category will have a winner that will receive a trophy and 5 runner ups. There will also be one prize of £1000 for an overall winner.
- The copyright of each poem remains with the author. However, authors of the winning poems, by entering the competition, grant The Brain Charity the right in perpetuity to publish their poem. Use of the poems elsewhere is permitted but a credit of first publication is appreciated.

Personal Information & Legal Bits

- The personal information provided will be held securely by The Brain Charity and used only for the purposes of administering the organisation's Poetry Competition. Names of the winners will be made public. The other personal information, (i.e. contact details) will not be passed to any third party outside The Brain Charity.
- The Brain Charity reserves the right to cancel this competition or amend these terms and conditions at any stage, if deemed necessary in its opinion, or if circumstances arise outside of its control.
- These rules are governed by the laws of England and Wales.