



# TERMS & CONDITIONS

- 1 Free entry for each participating school.
- 2 TY Co-ordinator or English Teacher to confirm participation by email by 2nd October, 2026 to [tom@schoolprintresources.org](mailto:tom@schoolprintresources.org)
- 3 This competition is restricted to students participating in Transition Year for the school year 2026-2027.
- 4 Short stories may be written in either English or Irish.
- 5 Entries must be received by 11th December 2026 and must be submitted by the teacher or TY Coordinator on the online portal which will be provided to the school after confirmation of participation.  
Both the students name and school name MUST NOT be on the title of the short story entry.
- 6 Each short story submitted is limited to a maximum of 1500 words with no minimum word count requirement.
- 7 Schools with under 60 TY students may submit a maximum of 3 entries.  
Schools with 60 to 100 TY Students may submit a maximum of 4 entries.  
Schools with 100 plus TY Students may submit a maximum of 5 entries.
- 8 Short stories must be submitted as a Microsoft Word document with double spacing in Arial, 12pt font size.
- 9 Stories should be fiction, which means they are written from your own imagination and can be about anything at all. Your entry should be your own original work. Entries of poetry will not be accepted.
- 10 Schools will be notified of the Judging Panel's choice of the 5 finalists by email on 25th March, 2027.
- 11 The Awards Ceremony will be held on Wednesday, 21st April, 2027 in Buswells Hotel, Dublin 2 when the five finalists together with their TY Co-ordinator or English Teacher will be invited to attend with the Judging Panel and afterwards at a celebration dinner in the Members Restaurant, Dáil Eireann, Dublin 2.
- 12 The short stories of the five finalists will be published in book form which will be presented at the Awards Ceremony.
- 13 Winning entry will receive €500.  
Runner up will receive €250.  
Three further shortlisted entries will receive €150 each.  
Depending on entries, an additional bonus award of €250 may be awarded to a work in Irish.

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# THE JUDGING PANEL



## Chairperson - Mary Hanafin

Following a 30 Year career as an elected Representative, Mary Hanafin is now practicing as a Barrister at Law. Prior to being elected to Dáil Éireann she was a secondary school teacher of Gaelige and History and also Transition Year Co-Ordinator. She served in a number of Ministerial roles, including Minister for Children, Minister for Education and Science, Minister for Tourism, Culture and Sport. Mary has recently taken up the position of Chair of the Pavilion Theatre, Dún Laoghaire.



## Regina Butler

Regina Butler has worked as a French, Geography and Spanish teacher in Second Level Education in Ireland since 1985. Regina was Principal of Scoil Mhuire, Cork from 2000 until her retirement in August 2025. She is a member of the Endorsement Panel for Course Development in Leadership, formerly under CSL, now under OIDE. In 2023 Regina was appointed President of NAPD supporting and inspiring Post Primary school leaders in Ireland. Regina has been a mentor of School Leaders for many years. She is also a fully qualified and accredited Executive Coach, is a member of The Association of Executive Coaching (AOEC), and is a Co-Coaching Facilitator for The Association of Coaching (AC) UK, in Ireland.



## Emma Corcoran

Emma Corcoran was the recipient of an All-Ireland Scholarship in 2011. She completed a BSc in Human Nutrition & Dietetics from TUD & TCD in 2015 and is currently working as a Senior Dietitian in the National Childrens Hospital, Temple Street. She was the winner of the 2023 All-Ireland Scholarships Alumni Creative Writing Award and, in 2024, was a judging panel member for that competition.



## Jim Higgins

Jim Higgins was a Member of the European Parliament from 2004 to 2014. A former Post-Primary teacher, he has also been a member of both Seanad Éireann and Dáil Éireann. Jim was Minister of State at the Department of Finance, Department of Defence and Department of the Taoiseach between 1995 and 1997.



## Seamus Mulconry

Seamus Mulconry is the General Secretary of the Catholic Primary Schools Management Association (CPSMA) which provides advice and representation to over 2800 primary schools. He is a former primary school teacher and also a former executive director of Philanthropy Ireland, the Association for Trusts and Foundations in Ireland, and a former director of Public Affairs with Edelman PR.



## Donal Ryan

Donal Ryan, from Nenagh, Co. Tipperary, has published seven number one bestselling novels and a short story collection. He has won several awards for his fiction, including the European Union Prize for Literature, the Guardian First Book Award and six Irish Book Awards, and has been shortlisted for several more, including the Costa/Nero Book Award and the Dublin International Literary Award. He was nominated for the Booker Prize in 2013 for his debut novel, The Spinning Heart, and again in 2018, for his fourth novel, From A Low and Quiet Sea. The Spinning Heart is part of the Leaving Certificate syllabus and was voted Irish Book of the Decade in 2016. In 2021 Donal became the first Irish writer to be awarded the Jean Monnet Prize for European Literature. His work has been adapted for stage and screen and translated into over twenty languages. Donal has lectured in Creative Writing at the University of Limerick since 2014 and lives in Castletroy with his wife Anne Marie and their two children.



School Print Resources Ltd are pleased to launch the Fourth National TY Short Story Competition which is open to all schools with TY students with no entry fee.

This National Competition has been exceptionally well received by TY Coordinators in its first three years and we look forward to an increase in the number of schools participating again this year.

Our Judging Panel is extremely experienced and is chaired by Mary Hanafin, Barrister and Former Minister for Education and Science. I am delighted that the Author Donal Ryan has joined the panel this year with the existing members of Regina Butler, Emma Corcoran, Seamus Mulconry and Jim Higgins.

In participating in this Competition your TY students will have the opportunity to showcase their writing skills in a National competition with their peers throughout Ireland.

The 5 Finalists will share in a prize fund of €1200 with the winner receiving €500, the runner up €250 and the other 3 finalists €150 each at our Awards Ceremony in Buswells Hotel on Wednesday, 21st April, 2027 at 12 noon followed by dinner in the Members Restaurant, Dáil Éireann, Dublin 2 at 1pm.

I look forward to your participation again this year and wish your students every good wish in this competition.

Niall Morrissey,  
Managing Director



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# PREVIOUS WINNERS

2024

## WINNER

**Caoimhe Conway**  
Galway Educate Together  
Secondary School

## 2ND PLACE

**David Rosolowski**  
Mercy Secondary School  
Ballymahon, Co. Longford

## FINALISTS

IN NO ORDER OF MERIT

**Shona Ní Raghail**  
Pobalscoil Chorca Dhuibhne  
Dingle, Co.Kerry

**Aida Hehir**  
Laurel Hill Secondary School  
South Circular Road, Limerick

**Charlie Owens**  
Oaklands Community College  
Edenderry, Co. Offaly

## SHORT-LISTED ENTRIES

IN NO ORDER OF MERIT

**Elle Doyle**  
St. Leo's College, Carlow

**Clara McCarthy**  
St. Mary's High School  
Midleton, Co. Cork

**Caolan Hick Reid**  
St. Joseph's CBS, Fairview, Dublin 3

**Jessica Jarvis**  
St. Brigid's College  
Loughrea, Co. Galway

2025

## WINNER

**Tara Yeomans**  
Hazelwood College  
Dromcollogher, Co.Limerick

## 2ND PLACE

**Kate Loughry**  
Mount Mercy College, Cork

## FINALISTS

IN NO ORDER OF MERIT

**Ethna Eldo**  
High Cross College  
Tuam, Co.Galway

**Alex Clarges**  
Colasite Chillian  
Bóthar Nangor, Cluain Dolcáin, BAC 22

**Harry Valentine**  
Old Bawn Community School  
Tallaght, Dublin 24

## SHORT-LISTED ENTRIES

IN NO ORDER OF MERIT

**Ruiyang Ma**  
Blakestown Community School  
Blakestown, Dublin 15

**Aoife Velayati**  
Laurel Hill FCJ, Limerick

**Kai Boardman**  
Mercy Secondary School  
Ballymahon, Co.Longford

**Wurola Ojolape**  
Presentation Secondary School  
Kilkenny

2026

## WINNER

t.b.c.

## 2ND PLACE

t.b.c.

## FINALISTS

IN NO ORDER OF MERIT

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## SHORT-LISTED ENTRIES

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