

## Minds' Ink - Write a Poem Competition 2015

Last year the Professional Development Service for Teachers' *Minds' Ink, Teaching English Magazine*, Poetry Competition attracted nearly 1,000 entries. This year PDST is inviting students to **Write a Poem** under two categories: Junior Cycle and Senior Cycle. We hope that the competition will encourage young writers to compose poetry and assist teachers in supporting the writing of poetry.

### Rules of the Competition

Each entrant may submit **one** poem.

Each entry must preferably be typed (Calibri Font, size 12) or written clearly in legible handwriting

Each entry must include

- ◆ the Title of the Poem
- ◆ the Name of the Entrant
- ◆ the Name and Address of the School
- ◆ the Category

**Each entry must be stamped by the school or signed by an English Teacher. Emailed entries must be sent by the teacher or school.**

Where an entry is inspired by or written in response to, a particular poem, the name of the poem and the poet must be clearly stated on the entry and, where possible, a copy of the original poem should be enclosed.

The competition is aimed at individual writers.

**Class sets of poems will not be considered as entries for the competition.**

Please note that entrants should keep a copy of their poems, as no poems will be returned.

### Prizes

#### **For the Writers**

The winning poets in each section will receive a commemorative plaque and their poem will be printed in the Autumn/ Winter 2015 issue of the Teaching English Magazine.

Prizes will be presented at an award ceremony organised by the Professional Development Service for Teachers in association with Laois Education Centre.

#### **For the Teachers**

The teacher of the winning entrant, in each section, will receive a copy of the poetry anthology, *Being Human*.

**All entries should be emailed to  
margaretmary@laoisedcentre.ie**

**or posted to**

**Margaret Mary Grant**

**Laois Education Centre, Block Road, Portlaoise, Co. Laois.**

Closing date for receipt of entries is Friday, 8th May 2015