

STAR Project Poetry Competition 2017

Paisley's Grand Fountain resides in the historic Fountain Gardens, the oldest public gardens in Paisley, based in the North End of the town. It was gifted by the Coats family in 1868 and has been the centrepiece of the Fountain Gardens ever since.

It was painstakingly brought back to its original Victorian splendour in 2014 and has received no fewer than 5 awards since its restoration. The restoration Project cost £650,000 and was funded by Renfrewshire Council, Historic Scotland and the Heritage Lottery Fund.

We believe that the positive transformation of the Grand Fountain improves wellbeing. People have told us, "It makes me smile", "I love walking past it on the way to work", "I love the sounds of the Fountain", "It's relaxing to watch it".

STAR Project have been asked to research, plan and create a short film emphasising this positive transformation. As part of this process we are looking at the different ways people might express a sense of wellbeing, happiness, or the joy they have experienced in connection to the Grand Fountain, hence this competition.

We are delighted to announce that the Poetry Competition launches on Tuesday 26th September 2017

Who can enter?

Absolutely anyone! We have 3 entry categories; adults (18+), secondary school age, primary school age.

What's the themes?

Entries should express either 'the positive transformation of the Fountain and the impact of this on wellbeing/happiness' or 'engineering as art' in light of the creativity in the engineering involved.

What's the prizes?

Adults – 2 runners up will each receive a £15 book token. The winner will receive a £30 book token and their entry will be incorporated into the Fountain Film or the promotion of the Fountain Film, currently being created by STAR Project for Renfrewshire Council.

Secondary School age – 2 runners up will each receive a £10 book token. The winner will receive a £20 book token and their entry will be incorporated into the Fountain Film or the promotion of the Fountain Film, currently being created by STAR Project for Renfrewshire Council.

Primary School age – 2 runners up will each receive a £10 book token. The winner will receive a £20 book token and their entry will be incorporated into the Fountain Film or the promotion of the Fountain Film, currently being created by STAR Project for Renfrewshire Council.

All shortlisted entries will be published in a booklet to coincide with the launch of the Fountain Film in December 2017.

How do I enter?

Simply create your poem(s) and send to STAR Project by email, enquiries@star-project.org.uk, or by posting or dropping off at 12-14 Wallace Street, Paisley, PA3 2BU.

Rules and Deadline

- The closing date for entries is Tuesday 31st October 2017 at 12 noon
- Entries can either be emailed, posted or dropped off at STAR Project premises (see 'How do I enter?')
- Each entry posted or dropped off should be on A4 paper
- Please print your FULL NAME, TELEPHONE NUMBER, EMAIL, ADDRESS, POSTCODE, and AGE on the back of each entry

- A STAR Project panel will select a shortlist of entries from each category. Those who are successfully shortlisted will be informed on Wednesday 15th November 2017. The shortlist will also be announced on social media. The overall winners will be selected from each category shortlist by the same panel
- The winners will be announced on Facebook Live from STAR Project on Thursday 23rd November 2017 between 12.30pm and 12.45pm
- Entries cannot be returned
- Those who are shortlisted and the overall winners consent to having their photograph taken for publicity/promotional purposes in relation to the Poetry Competition and the creation of the Fountain Film by STAR Project for Renfrewshire Council.
- Those who are shortlisted and the overall winners consent to having their entries used for publicity/promotional purposes in relation to the Poetry Competition and the creation of the Fountain Film by STAR Project for Renfrewshire Council.
- The decisions of the panel will be final