

# the poetry business

## **The New Poets Prize Conditions of Entry**

### **Entering the New Poets Prize**

- \* We accept simultaneous competition submissions. Furthermore, if an entrant to the New Poets Prize wins another pamphlet prize before the results are announced, The Poetry Business will issue a full refund of the entrant's entry fee.
- \* There is a standard fee of £8 for each entry submitted by post. Entry waivers are available for those who cannot afford the entry fee. Please see the prize web page for details.
- \* You may submit as many collections as you wish.
- \* Your real name must not appear anywhere on the manuscript. Choose a pen name and a title for your collection, and write both on every page.
- \* Postal entries must be postmarked on or before 1st March. Online entries can be submitted up to midnight on the 1st March.
- \* Previous winners of The New Poets Prize are not eligible to re-enter within 5 years of winning.
- \* Entries sent by post must be accompanied by a completed entry form. (Online entrants complete the 'uploads form' on this site.)
- \* We may use the email address you provide to contact you with updates about the New Poets Prize between your entry being submitted and the announcement of the winners. After this date you will not receive any further updates from us via e-mail unless you join our mailing list.

### **Your work**

- \* We ask for short collections of 12 pages of poems. Poems may be of any length. A long poem may take several pages. More than one poem may be printed on a single page.
- \* The poems should be for adults, in English, and typed on one side only of A4.
- \* As a guide, we recommend you use 12pt Times New Roman font.
- \* Poems may have been published elsewhere, but must not have previously appeared as a published collection.
- \* Copyright remains with the authors but The Poetry Business reserves the right to first UK publication of the collection for 12 months from publication. (This doesn't prevent publication elsewhere of individual poems.)
- \* We are unable to return manuscripts or offer feedback.

### **The prizes**

- \* Four winners will be selected by the judge to have their collection published as a pamphlet. Please note that the published winning collections will be extended versions of the winning manuscripts

(approximately 20-24 pages of poems). The Poetry Business reserves the right to refuse publication to any competition winner on reasonable grounds.

\*Two of the winners will be offered an Arvon Residential course in 2022/23 subject to availability.

\* All winners will have the opportunity to read their work at a digital poetry reading organised by The Poetry Business shortly before (or after) publication of their title.

\* Each winning poet will have at least one of their poems published in the issue of The North magazine that immediately follows the announcement of the results.

### **The judges**

\* The judges' decision is final. If in the judges' opinion no collection achieves a high enough standard, no prizewinner will be chosen.

\* We reserve the right to change the judge without notice.

\* Entry in the competition will be deemed to be acceptance of these conditions.