

POETRY ALOUD 2020

To celebrate the joy of speaking and listening to poetry, the National Library of Ireland and Poetry Ireland have organised the **POETRY ALOUD Poetry Speaking Competition** for post-primary school students since 2007. The competition is open to all students attending a second-level school on the island of Ireland and we appreciate your participation over the years.

Due to the COVID 19 challenge, Poetry Aloud 2020 will be organised differently.

We will outline here how the competition will run this year.

To comply with public health guidelines, the first round will consist of virtual competition in lieu of on-site regional heats.

First round

- Participating teachers to select **three** students to represent their school from any of the three categories (Junior, Intermediate, Senior)
- Teachers will submit a phone video recording of the **three** students speaking the prescribed poem (professional recording is not required)
- A panel of qualified adjudicators representing Poetry Ireland, National Library of Ireland and a poet will adjudicate the entries.
- The closing date for submission is **Friday 13 November** and this date will be strictly adhered to.
- Entries should be submitted to: poetryaloud@nli.ie

Students speak one poem according to their category

Junior Category: *The Fiddler of Dooney* by WB Yeats

Intermediate Category: *Genius* by Moya Cannon

Senior Category: *The Emigrant Irish* by Eavan Boland

Participant Categories

Junior: 1st and 2nd year from Republic of Ireland
& years 8, 9 and 10 from Northern Ireland

Intermediate: 3rd and 4th year from Republic of Ireland
& years 11 and 12 from Northern Ireland

Senior: 5th and 6th year from Republic of Ireland
& Upper and Lower 6th forms from Northern Ireland

- Once the adjudication process is completed, teachers will be notified of the results

Entry Form

Terms and Conditions for Entering the Competition:

- Semi-finals and final are still to be determined and will be dependant on the entry levels at this stage of the competition.
- The National Library of Ireland and Poetry Ireland reserve the right to postpone any further stages of the competition if entry levels sufficient to the running of a valid competition are not reached.
- There is no entry fee
- Any pupil resident on the island of Ireland is eligible
- To enter you must be attending a post-primary school
- Poems must be spoken from memory
- Only the prescribed poem for each category will constitute a valid entry.
- The use of props is not permitted
- The judges' decision is final, and no correspondence of any kind will be entered into.
- Videos submitted will only be viewed by the adjudicating panel and will not be retained once the adjudication process in the first round is completed.

TEACHER'S NAME

SCHOOL NAME & ADDRESS

TEACHER'S SIGNATURE

TEACHER'S
EMAIL*

TEACHER'S CONTACT NO.

*All correspondence regarding the competition will be by email. Please provide a current email address. Contact details will be used only for correspondence relating to this competition.

Please list the **THREE** students that you are entering:

NAME, CATEGORY, YEAR (OR CLASS)

Name	Category	Class