

**Reclaim the Vision of 1916 – a Citizens’ Initiative [hereinafter Reclaim 16]
International Poetry Competition 2016**

THEME: The Vision of 1916: Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow

Rules:

1. The competition is open to persons over the age of sixteen years living on the island of Ireland or abroad.
2. Entries may be in English, Irish, or any of the languages in common use in Ireland today (with either English or Irish translations).
3. The closing date for entries is Monday 29 February 2016. Entries must be received by midnight of that date.
4. The theme of the competition is ‘The Vision of 1916: Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow’. Only poems on this theme will be considered by the judges.
5. Poems must have a title and not exceed 40 lines in length (excluding title).
6. Poems must be the original work of the entrant.
7. Poems must not have been previously published or self-published, in print or online, including on social media.
8. Poems must not have won a prize in another competition.
9. Entries are limited to three poems per person.
10. All entries must be accompanied by an entry form, which can be completed online when submitting the poem online, or downloaded in advance from the Reclaim 16 website. Postal entries should be sent to:

Mags O’Brien, Secretary
Reclaim the Vision of 1916
International Poetry Competition
C/o SIPTU
Liberty Hall
Dublin 1
Ireland

11. The entry fee is €10 for one poem (or other currency equivalents), and €5 each for a second and third entry in the same submission.
12. Hardcopy poems should be printed in black ink on separate A4 sheets.
13. All poems will be judged anonymously. Poems will be disqualified if they show name, address or any other identifying mark – all such information should be confined to the entry form.
14. The competition organisers reserve the right to change the judging panel without notice.
15. The judges’ decision is final.
16. The copyright of each poem remains with the author. However, authors of all poems, by entering the competition, grant Reclaim 16 the right to publish/and or broadcast the winning poem(s), together with a selection of other entries to the competition, for one year from 24 April 2016.
17. Entry implies acceptance of all the rules.
18. Entries cannot be returned – entrants should ensure they keep a copy for themselves.

Reclaim 16 will not enter into any correspondence regarding the judges’ decision or regarding individual entries.

PRIZES

First: Reclaim 16 Thomas MacDonagh Medallion (designed by Robert Ballagh), plus €1,000

Second: €500

Third: €250

The winner(s) will be notified in time for the award ceremony on or around the 100th anniversary of the Rising on 24 April 2016.