

## **Competition Rules & FAQs – Northern Roots**

### **Creative Writing Competition**

- The Northern Roots Creative Writing Competition is free to enter.
- **To be eligible to take part in the competition, you will need to demonstrate that you live, study or work in Oldham** e.g. provide an Oldham postcode or provide details of your place of work or study.
- Northern Roots can only accept one submission per individual.
- Feedback on individual submissions cannot be given.
- Entries must be in English.
- **You must sign, date and submit your entry using the Northern Roots Creative Writing Competition application form.** By signing the application form, you give Northern Roots permission to share your submission on Northern Roots web and social platforms (Instagram, Twitter and Facebook) and in print, exhibition and on any other platform Northern Roots wishes to use.
- **If you are under 18, you must get a parent/guardian to sign the Northern Roots Creative Writing Competition application form on your behalf.** By signing the application form, you give Northern Roots permission to share your submission on Northern Roots web and social platforms (Instagram, Twitter and Facebook) and in print, exhibition and on any other platform Northern Roots wishes to use.
- Submissions should be emailed to [northern.roots@oldham.gov.uk](mailto:northern.roots@oldham.gov.uk) with the following details in the subject line: Northern Roots Writing Competition, your full name, title of your piece.
- **If you want to hand write and illustrate your entry (younger children might want to do this), we'd love to see your entries.** You can either take a

photo of your piece and email it to us, along with a completed and signed application form, or you can hand your entry in to Oldham Library as below.

- **Please do not photograph your child with their competition entry** unless you are consenting for that image to appear on Northern Roots communications channels e.g. social and web platforms, press release, exhibition, other. By signing the application form, you consent to Northern Roots using such images on any of its communications channels.
- **If you want to submit a hard copy of your entry**, you can take your piece to Oldham Library and hand it in to staff there. You will be asked to complete a short form giving basic contact details and information. Oldham Library is located on **Greaves St, Oldham OL1 1AL**.
- All entries must be the original work of the entrant, must not infringe on the rights of any other party and must not have been previously published.
- Entries must not contain defamatory, obscene, offensive, or any other unsuitable material. Northern Roots reserves the right to disqualify entries containing such matter.
- Entrants retain the copyright of their entries but give Northern Roots a perpetual, non-exclusive royalty-free licence to publish, broadcast (across all media), post online or on any other platform yet to be envisaged and to extract an element from a submission to be used in an object on the Northern Roots site.
- You can find our **Privacy Notice** on the Northern Roots Creative Writing Competition web page. It is necessary for Northern Roots to collect and hold personal information about competition participants. We will only keep your information for the minimum period necessary. We treat and manage your data with care and privacy and every member of staff, including volunteers comply with data protection guidelines. You can withdraw from the competition and/or request your data to be removed from our files at any time by emailing [northern.roots@oldham.gov.uk](mailto:northern.roots@oldham.gov.uk)

**Thank you!**