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Re: Trócaire/Poetry Ireland Poetry Competition Awards 2020

Dear Siobhán

Thank you for your entry into the 2020 Trócaire/Poetry Ireland Poetry Competition on the theme, 'Standing Her Ground' which, as you know, was extended due to COVID 19. The Adjudication process was completed just this week and I would like to thank our Adjudicators Catherine Ann Cullen, Aidan Clifford and Joanne McGarry for all their hard work on this over the last number of weeks.

I am now delighted to be able to write to you to let you know that you are a Runner Up in the Post-Primary Junior Category 2020 with your poem 'No More'. Your prize is a Book Token and an author visit to your school. Please contact me at janeohanlon@poetryireland.ie or on 087 9877872 if you have any questions and to confirm your willingness to participate in the Awards Ceremony and discuss the details of your prize, in particular the author visit, which may need to be an online event, due to current COVID 19 restrictions. I will also be forwarding a Parental Consent Form for your Parents to sign.

The Trócaire Poetry Awards Ceremony will take place on Culture Night the 18th September as an online event, again due to COVID 19 restrictions. This will be a live streamed pre-recorded event and will feature highlights from all the winners reading their poems and the winning poems will also be available to view afterwards on the Poetry Ireland YouTube Channel.

In order to prepare for this online event we are asking all this year's winners to please record yourselves reading your winning poem and I am attaching some Guidelines for filming. Please don't hesitate to contact me if you need more help or clarification, and when you have completed the recordings to your own satisfaction can you please email it back to me at this email address janeohanlon@poetryireland.ie As we then have to edit the pieces I will need them returned to me by Friday 4th September.

Congratulations and thank you again for entering this year's competition and I look forward to 'seeing' you on the night.

Regards

Jane

Jane O'Hanlon
Education Officer