



Meadows

Doric Poetry

Competition



Working together to give nature a home:



This spring, as part of the Save our Magnificent Meadows project, RSPB Scotland is running a competition in the north east for Doric speakers. Let's celebrate meadows and what they mean to us through verse!

The competition will be open to entries from **24 April to 30 May 2016** and there are three age categories:

11 and under / 12 - 18 years / 19 and over

There will be 1st, 2nd and 3rd prizes in each category. Winners will receive a selection of prizes including a book of poetry and have the opportunity to perform their poem and receive their prizes at the Meadows Celebration Event on 2 July 2016 at Loch of Strathbeg. The winning poetry may also be used in interpretation around the reserve.



Form

You can enter by email or post. Just send your poem and the information below to **magnificentmeadows@rspb.org.uk** or post this form to:

Meadows Doric Poetry Competition, RSPB Scotland Loch of Strathbeg, Crimond, Aberdeenshire AB43 8QN

The RSPB will only use your details in connection to your entry for the poetry competition, in providing your information you agree for your details to be used for this purpose. By submitting your entry to the RSPB, you agree to be legally bound by the Rules (see back of this flyer) and Terms and Conditions at **<http://bit.ly/2316arM>**

Name

Address

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..... Date of birth (if under 18)

Postcode.....

Email.....Phone.....

Poem Title.....

Category

If you are under 18 please supply contact details for a parent or guardian and ask them to sign here:

SignaturePrint name

**“Dinna be blate,
tak up yer skailie,
an’ fae the hert
scrieve o’ yer
wunner for ‘es
bonny quate
meadow.”**



Looking for some inspiration? Why not visit RSPB Scotland Loch of Strathbeg nature reserve or join one of the meadows-themed events this spring and summer. Please see rspb.org.uk/lochofstrathbeg for up to date information on what's on.

Save Our Magnificent Meadows is the UK's largest partnership project transforming the fortunes of vanishing wildflower meadows, grasslands and wildlife. Led by Plantlife, the partnership is made up of 11 organisations, including RSPB Scotland and is primarily funded by the Heritage Lottery Fund. magnificentmeadows.org

Competition rules:

1. This competition is open to all UK residents, except for any employee of or person directly connected with the RSPB or a Save Our Magnificent Meadows partner organisation and their immediate family members.
2. By entering the competition applicants or their parents/legal guardians agree to these Rules and the Terms and Conditions
3. Applicants under 18 must get consent from their parent(s) or legal guardian(s) before entering the competition and by entering guarantee that such consent has been obtained. The parent(s) or legal guardian(s) of applicants under 18 agree to the Rules and Terms and Conditions on behalf of the applicants. Proof of age may be required.
4. The competition is free to enter and no purchase is necessary.
5. Applicants may enter the competition by emailing or sending a poem written in Doric to magnificentmeadows@rspb.org.uk or to Meadows Doric Poetry Competition, RSPB Scotland Loch of Strathbeg, Crimond, Fraserburgh, Aberdeenshire AB43 8QN. Each applicant may submit up to three poems and each poem must have a title. Poems are to be judged anonymously so the applicant's name, address, or any other identifying details must not appear on the poem itself, although full details should accompany the poem separately.
6. Poems must be the original work of the applicant and must not have been published or self-published (including on any website or social media site) or broadcast.
7. The RSPB must receive entries by midnight on 30 May 2016. Any entry which is late, incomplete or inappropriate will be deemed invalid at the discretion of the RSPB.
8. The RSPB accepts no responsibility for any technical failure, malfunction or any other problem with any server, internet access system, postal service or otherwise which may result in any entry being lost, corrupted or not properly registered, delivered or recorded.
9. Please note no corrections can be made to poems after they have been entered and entries cannot be returned. Full copyright title remains with the author/owner of any entries. Please see the full Terms and Conditions at <http://bit.ly/2316arM>.
10. The judges shall assess the entries and a first, second and third place winner will be selected in each age category. The judge's decision is final and neither they nor the organisers will enter into any correspondence regarding the results.
11. The first, second and third place winners in each age category shall have the opportunity to perform their poem at the Meadows Celebration on 2 July 2016 at the Loch of Strathbeg. First, second and third place winners in each age category will also receive a book of poetry – full details are available on the RSPB Loch of Strathbeg Blog [<http://bit.ly/2316arM>].
12. The winners will be notified in writing using the contact details provided at entry within 14 days of a decision being made and will be asked whether they will attend the Meadows Celebration Event. If a winner does not respond to the RSPB by 24 June 2016, then they will forfeit their place to perform at the Meadows Celebration and their poem may be read at the Meadows Celebration by someone else. If a winner does not respond to the RSPB within 30 days of being notified, then they will also forfeit their prize. There is no obligation for winners to attend or perform at the Meadows Celebration.
13. The prizes are non-exchangeable, non-refundable and no cash alternative is offered.
14. After prize winners have been notified, lists of the prize winners will be published on the RSPB Loch of Strathbeg Blog and RSPB Aberdeen and North East Scotland Facebook page.
15. The RSPB reserves the right to refuse entry or to award a prize to anyone in breach of the Rules or the Terms and Conditions or the spirit of the Rules or Terms and Conditions.

Please see the full Terms and Conditions at <http://bit.ly/2316arM>

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