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Mountains of the mind

Putting a passion for mountains into words

Hillwalkers and climbers are being challenged to put their passion for the wild places into words.

Mountaineering Scotland's annual literary competition is now open for entries.

And with the number of climbers and walkers who have been unable to get to the hills since lockdown started, it's a great opportunity for people to express in words what the mountains and crags mean to them.

It may be prose or poetry, fact or fiction, it may be a fondly remembered walk or an imagined vertical adventure – it could well be prose or poetry about not being able to get to the hills.

Whatever you choose to write about, as long as it has mountains and mountaineers at heart, the Mountaineering Scotland Writing Competition 2020 is seeking contributions, with the aim of finding the best in new mountain writing.

First prize in both prose and poetry sections is £200. Second and third prize winners in each section will receive £100 and £50 respectively.

As well as the cash prizes, winners will see their entries published in 'Scottish Mountaineer', the quarterly Mountaineering Scotland magazine which goes out to its more than 14,000 members.

Winning entries are also published on the Mountaineering Scotland website.

Run since 1987, the competition is open to members and non-members alike and regularly attracts entries from all over the UK, with all contributions having some connection with mountains and mountaineering, rock or ice climbing, walking or ski-mountaineering.

Prose entries should be a maximum of 2,000 words long. Poetry entries should be a maximum of 200 words.

Entries should be sent by email to the MWC Coordinator, Tommy McManmon, by 31st August at the latest, at article@mountaineering.scot

Full details and rules of the competition are available on the website at

www.mountaineering.scot/members/members-benefits/scottish-mountaineer-magazine/mountain-writing-competition

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About Mountaineering Scotland:

- Mountaineering Scotland is the national representative organisation for hill walkers, climbers and ski-tourers in Scotland.
- Mountaineering Scotland provides training and information to mountain users to promote safety, self-reliance and the enjoyment of our mountain environment.
- The Mountaineering Scotland is a membership organisation with over 14,500 members and is funded through a combination of membership subscriptions, non-governmental grants and investment from sportscotland, which supports public initiatives and services in mountain safety, mountain training and the development and promotion of mountaineering activities.
- Mountaineering Scotland also acts for 75,000 members of the BMC or British Mountaineering Council on matters related to Landscape and Access in Scotland.
- Mountaineering Scotland landscape and access work is supported financially by the Scottish Mountaineering Trust and the BMC
- Mountaineering Scotland also runs the ClimbScotland initiative to encourage young people to participate in climbing and support their progression.
- Mountaineering Scotland is the national governing body for sport climbing. It offers pathways to climbing coaching, organises and promotes a range of regional and national climbing competitions, and manages the Scottish climbing and bouldering teams. It contributes to the management of the GB teams with the ultimate aim of seeing a Scottish athlete achieve a podium position in the Olympic Games.
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