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Mountain writing competition

Walkers and climbers urged to put their passion into words

People with a love for the mountains and Scotland's great outdoors are being challenged to put their passion into words.

Mountaineering Scotland's annual literary competition – the Mountain Writing Competition – is now open.

Last year's competition saw a record number of entries as lockdown forced walkers and climbers to find other outlets for their love of the hills, and it's hoped many have now got the writing bug.

Entries may be prose or poetry, fact or fiction. They may be about a fondly remembered walk or an imagined vertical adventure and can be about the mountains themselves or those who climb among them.

Whatever you choose to write about, as long as it has mountains and mountaineers at heart, the Mountaineering Scotland Writing Competition 2021 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 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.

Prose entries should be a maximum of 2,000 words long. Poetry entries should be a maximum of 200 words, and the deadline for all entries is 5pm on Friday, 5th November 2021.

Following the large number of entries in 2020, Mountaineering Scotland will use an online application portal for the 2021 competition to manage submissions and the judging process. Full rules and details of how to enter are at www.mountaineering.scot/mountainwriting

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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.
- The MCoFS is a not for profit company limited by guarantee and incorporated in Scotland. Company number SC322717.
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