



**Press Release**

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## **Tales of mountains**

### **Mountain writing competition is open for entries**

Hillwalkers and climbers who can put their love for the mountains and mountaineering into words are being invited to take part in Mountaineering Scotland's annual literary competition.

The Mountaineering Scotland Writing Competition 2018 is looking for the best in new mountain writing, whether fact or fiction, prose or poetry.

With more and more people taking art in outdoor activities, there should be no shortage of adventurers ready to put their experiences into words and share what makes mountains, or the act of walking or climbing so special to them. And there's an added incentive this year, with an increase in the prize money on offer.

First prize in both prose and poetry sections is now £200, along with a pair of weekend tickets for the Edinburgh Mountain Film Festival, worth about £100 each. 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 in print in the 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 31<sup>st</sup> August at the latest, at [article@mountaineering.scot](mailto: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](http://www.mountaineering.scot/members/members-benefits/scottish-mountaineer-magazine/mountain-writing-competition)

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### About Mountaineering Scotland:

- Mountaineering Scotland is the only recognised representative organisation for hill walkers, climbers and ski-tourers who live in Scotland or who enjoy Scotland's mountains.
- 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 14,000 members representing hill walkers, climbers and mountaineers, 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 has launched the ClimbScotland initiative to encourage young people to participate in climbing and support their progression. It offers a dedicated website and a development team, which will introduce young people to climbing at schools, climbing walls and via youth organisations with a range of activities and events, while developing kids clubs and providing specialist support to parents, volunteers and teachers.
- Mountaineering Scotland is the national governing body for sports 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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