

2019



# CREATIVE WRITING

## COMPETITION

### What is the RDA Creative Writing Competition?

The RDA Creative Writing Competition is now in its third year and for 2019 we're offering even more inspiration for our amazing RDA riders, carriage drivers and vaulters of all ages to show just how creative and imaginative they can be!

We'll still be offering the popular three classes of POEM, LETTER or SHORT STORY, but for 2019 the theme for each class will be **CELEBRATION**. **2019 will mark RDA's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary** and we are planning a whole year of exciting events to celebrate!

Perhaps 2019 will be a year for you to personally celebrate? Maybe you once enjoyed your own celebration in RDA and would like to share it with us? Would you like to celebrate someone else's achievements in RDA...or is there perhaps a celebration you would like to *imagine* happening in your group? Big achievements or even something really small but exciting to YOU...whatever it is about RDA that makes you feel like **celebrating**, we'd love to hear about it!

### Who can enter?

The RDA Creative Writing Competition is open to all RDA participants, of all ages and abilities. We can't accept entries from volunteers, unfortunately, unless they are also RDA participants. Classes are open to individual entrants only. You may enter more than one class if you wish, but only one entry per participant, per class will be accepted.

### How can pieces of writing be entered?

Entries can be written at any time, whenever inspiration strikes! The competition is also a great opportunity to involve families, schools/ colleges\* or care centres too, as participants are welcome to create their entries at any time; in RDA sessions, in the classroom or at home. Pieces of writing can be submitted in any format (e.g. computer-printed, pencil, pen or typewriter copy). Braille entries can be submitted but please also supply a printed transcription. Entries in languages other than English are encouraged, too, but please provide an English translation to assist the judges.

*\*This can be a great way to evidence and support PSHE, literacy and language achievement in the education centre environment.*

### How much will it cost to enter?

Entry is completely FREE! Simply send all entries with a fully-completed entry form (one form per entry, per class) to Marisa Bretherton-Mackay at RDA National Office, by the closing date of **Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March 2019**. There will be no regional rounds of judging.

Please ensure that you keep your own copies of each entry safely, as we will be unable to return any work sent in to National Office. RDA National Office cannot be held responsible for any entries not received in time, lost, or damaged. All entries are sent entirely at the entrants' own risk. Late entries cannot be accepted.

### **How and when will entries be judged?**

Entries may or may not be accompanied with illustrations or decoration, however they will purely be judged on their written content by the judges. Each entry will be considered on its own merit; the judges will be looking for specific relevance and reference to RDA, along with charm, imagination and appeal - not just simply an equestrian theme.

The closing date for receipt of entries at National Office will be **Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March 2019** and the winners will be announced as soon as possible afterwards, in **April 2019**.

**RDA reserves the right to use any entries received for future promotion and publicity. If you would prefer to remain anonymous, please tick the box clearly at the bottom of the attached entry form.**

### **Which classes can be entered this year?**

All classes are open to participants of any age and ability, and all entries will be judged together in each class.

There will be three classes on offer in 2019...  
...and the theme in each will be **CELEBRATIONS!**

#### **Class 1: An RDA Poem about Celebration**

Your poem doesn't necessarily have to rhyme, but must have an RDA celebration theme. Maximum 350 words

Open to all ages and abilities - all entries will receive a special rosette and congratulations letter!

**FIRST PRIZE: £40.00 Amazon voucher**

#### **Class 2: A Letter about Celebration**

Perhaps to someone special at RDA telling them about an achievement that you or someone else or even your favourite RDA horse has had? It could even be a letter to someone about a celebration you would like to see happen in RDA! Maximum 500 words

Open to all ages and abilities - all entries will receive a special rosette and congratulations letter!

**FIRST PRIZE: £40.00 Amazon voucher**

#### **Class 3: A Short RDA Story about Celebration**

It could be fact or fiction, but aim to inspire, entertain and amaze! You can be as imaginative or creative as you like, but make sure you don't go over the limit of 500 words.

Open to all ages and abilities - all entries will receive a special rosette and congratulations letter!

**FIRST PRIZE: £40.00 Amazon voucher**

RDA is extremely grateful for the continued generous sponsorship of this competition by Life with Art

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## ENTRY FORM

Please complete clearly in **BLOCK CAPITALS**, or tick the appropriate box.

Completed forms, along with competition entries, will need to be sent to Marisa Bretherton-Mackay at RDA National Office in Warwick by **Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March 2019**

**THERE IS NO ENTRY FEE FOR THIS COMPETITION.**

<b>RDA Group</b>		<b>RDA Region</b>	
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### Correspondent Details

	<b>Title</b>	<b>Forename</b>	<b>Surname</b>
<b>Name</b>			
<b>Address</b>			
<b>Postcode</b>		<b>Email</b>	
<b>Telephone</b>		<b>Mobile</b>	

<b>Entry Title</b>			
<b>Writer's Name</b>	<b>Forename/s</b>	<b>Surname</b>	

### Category Details (please tick one only)

<b>CLASS 1</b>	An RDA Poem – maximum 350 words, RDA celebration theme	
<b>CLASS 2</b>	A Letter – maximum 500 words, RDA celebration theme	
<b>CLASS 3</b>	A Short RDA Story - maximum 500 words, RDA celebration theme	

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**RDAUK reserves the right to use entries received for promotion and publicity, including on social media. Entry into the competition is deemed acceptance of this.**

**If the writer's name is NOT to be used in the public domain, please tick here**

Please note that any personal contact information you have provided will only be used in correspondence directly related to this competition and will not be retained afterwards.