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The London Society's Competition: Love Letter to London

After the success of last year, The London Society (TLS) is delighted to announce the return of its writing and poetry competition for 2023.

We want you to celebrate our city in all its life, charm, and mystery, with a *Love Letter to London*. Whether you're from London or not, tell us why you love the city. Write us up to 500 words (or up to 40 lines of poetry) around the theme of **London of the Future**.

To fit with TLS motto of 'valuing the past; looking to the future', entrants can write on any aspect of London's future. It might be reportage, an essay, a 'think piece', a spot of futurology, a work of fiction or science fiction, a poem. **We are open to all forms and styles**. Entries can have been published elsewhere but must fit the brief and have been written in 2023.

The closing date for entries is midday (UK time) December 1st 2023, and prizes will be presented at an awards ceremony next Spring.

There will be four categories:

- Aged 11 and under
- 12-18 year olds
- Open - all other entrants
- Poetry

The prizes for the 'Open' and 'Poetry' categories will be as follows:

- Category winner £500
- Category second £250
- Category third £100

The prizes for the '11 and under' and '12-18' categories will be as follows:

- Category winner £500
- Four runners up prizes of £150 each

In addition, the school of the two category winners will receive £250 of books of their choice.



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Competition Rules

We recommend all entrants read the rules carefully before entering.

1. The competition is open to anyone aged under 18 ('11 and under' and '12-18' categories) and 18 or over at the time of entering ('open' and 'poetry' categories). International entries are welcome.
2. All entries must have a title **and must not exceed 500 words or for poems 40 lines in length** (excluding title). Entries are to be around the theme of any aspect of London's future. It can be reportage, an essay, a 'think piece', a spot of futurology, a work of fiction, a poem.
3. Entries must be the entrant's original work.
4. Entries can have been published elsewhere but must fit the brief and have been written in 2023.
5. The closing date of the competition is 1200 (UK time), 1st December 2023.
6. Entries must be a Word or Google Docs file with title (*no PDFs*). All entries will be judged anonymously, so the first page of the entry should have the title of your entry, and your name, address, telephone number and e-mail address.
7. There is a limit of three on the number of entries a single entrant can make. 8. No one can win more than one category.
9. Entries will not be returned, so please keep a copy.
10. Under no circumstances can alterations be made to the pieces once entered.
11. Online entries should be sent to: curator@londonsociety.org.uk
12. Online entries are preferred, but postal entries are accepted, to be sent to: *Love Letters Competition, The London Society, Mortimer Wheeler House, 46 Eagle Wharf Road, London N1 7ED*
13. Telephone or email confirmation of receipt is not available. TLS is unable to confirm the content of documents submitted online or by post, so please ensure you send the correct version.
14. The competition organisers reserve the right to change the judging panel without notice and not to award prizes if, in the judges' opinion, such an action is justified.
15. All entries are read, The decision of the judges is final; neither the judges nor The London Society will enter into any correspondence.
16. No one associated with running the Competition, or a Trustee of The London Society, can enter the competition.
17. Copyright in all entries will remain with the entrant, but The London Society has the right to use any entry for free in its own publications in print, online or in other media.