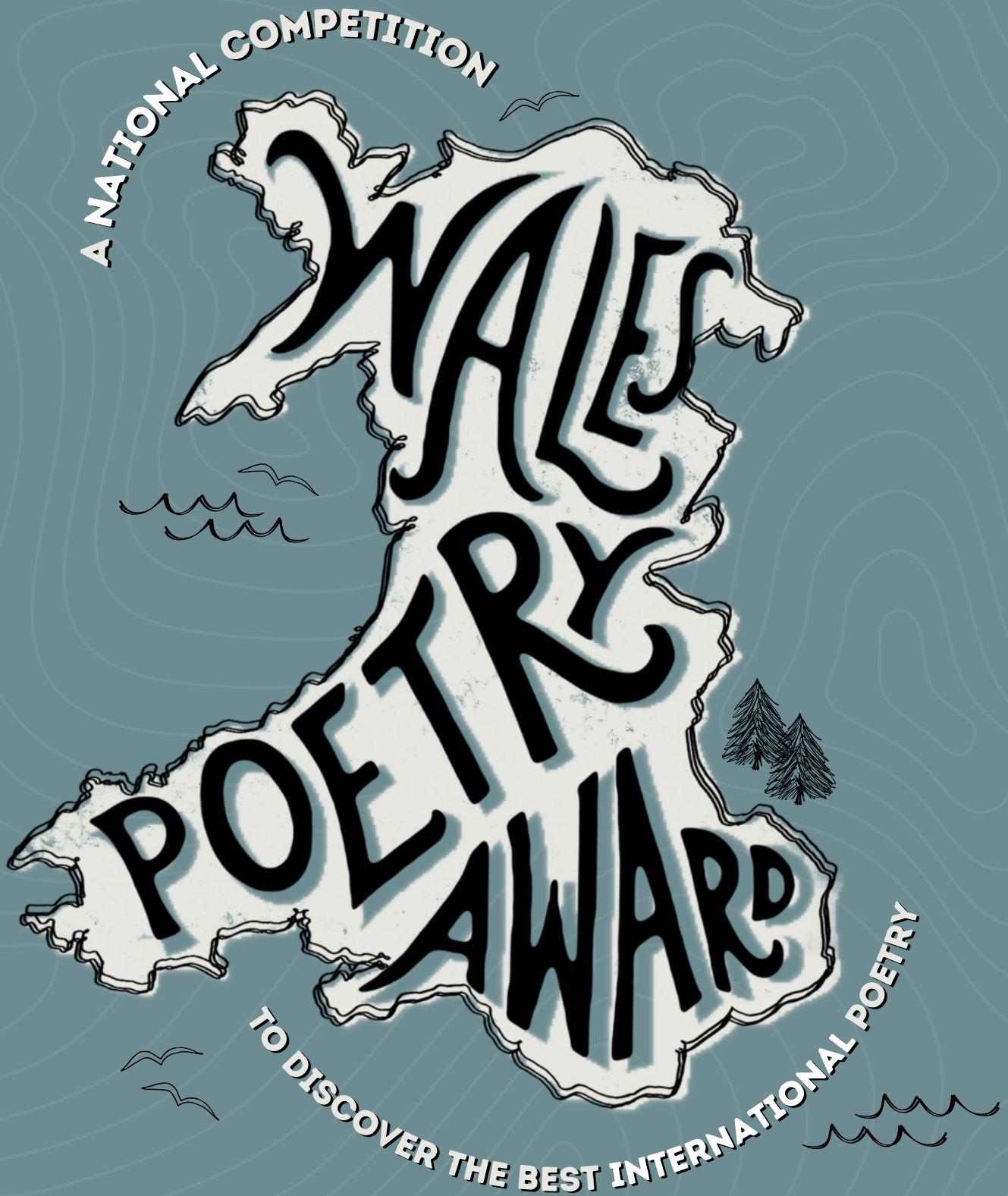


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**ENTRY BOOKLET 2023**

# WALES POETRY AWARD

was established in 2019 by *Poetry Wales* magazine as  
a **national** competition seeking to discover  
the very best **international** poetry

Since its inception, **Wales Poetry Award** has had over 4000  
entries, given out a dozen First, Second and Third Award prizes,  
and published over 50 winning and Highly Commended poems  
both on our website and in our magazine

**Wales Poetry Award** is open to single poem entries from new  
and established poets from Wales and beyond, with three  
Awards (First, Second and Third), and 10 Highly Commended  
prizes to be won.

An entry fee of £5 applies for each poem submitted, and you  
may submit up to 5 poems. The competition is free to enter for  
writers of low-income backgrounds residing in the UK, from  
households earning £16000 or less per year (no evidence is  
needed to prove this)

To submit your entry, visit  
[www.poetrywales.co.uk/walespoetryaward2023](http://www.poetrywales.co.uk/walespoetryaward2023)  
or use the form at the end of this booklet





# JUDGE



## DENISE SAUL

is our judge for Wales Poetry Award 2023

Denise's (she/her) debut collection *The Room Between Us* (Pavilion/Liverpool University Press, 2022) was shortlisted for TS Eliot poetry prize 2022, longlisted for Jhalak prize 2023 and a Poetry Book Society Summer Recommendation 2022. *The Room Between Us* was highly commended in Forward Poetry Prize 2022. She is the author of two pamphlets: *White Narcissi* (flipped eye, 2007), a Poetry Book Society Pamphlet Choice; and *House of Blue* (Rack Press, 2012), a PBS Pamphlet Recommendation. A recent guest editor for The Poetry Review, Denise is a past winner of The Poetry Society's Geoffrey Dearmer Prize and a Fellow of The Complete Works. Denise holds a PhD in Creative Writing (poetry) from the University of Roehampton. She received an ACE Grant for the Arts Award for her video poem collaborative project. She has been the judge of TS Eliot Prize. Her project, Silent Room: A Journey of Language can be found at [silent-room.net](http://silent-room.net). Denise lives in Surrey.

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**BRING ME YOUR POEMS THAT INSIST ON BEING RE-READ. I AM LOOKING FOR WORK THAT EXISTS BEYOND THE PAGE: POEMS THAT COMMAND ATTENTION, POEMS THAT EMBRACE OWNERSHIP OF VOICE AND SPACE, UNSETTLING POEMS, QUIET POEMS, LOUD POEMS, SURPRISING POEMS. ALL FORMS AND STYLES ARE WELCOME, SO BRING ME YOUR BEST POEMS.**

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# PRIZES

## FIRST AWARD WINNER

£500

Their choice of either a course\* at **Literature Wales'**  
Tŷ Newydd Writing Centre or a week-long self-catered retreat  
at their dedicated writing retreat cottage, Nant

Seren Book Bundle

Publication in *Poetry Wales*

## SECOND AWARD WINNER

£100

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## THIRD AWARD WINNER

£50

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*and*

## 10 HIGHLY COMMENDED POETS

will be invited to read at our Awarding Ceremony, and have  
their poems published in an online booklet on [poetrywales.co.uk](http://poetrywales.co.uk)

\*(excluding those with application processes)





# RULES

Please make sure that you have read and understood **all** of the following rules before you enter the competition. If you require clarity on anything, or additional assistance for accessibility, please email [info@poetrywales.co.uk](mailto:info@poetrywales.co.uk)

Remember that we receive hundreds of entries to Wales Poetry Award, so if your entry does not comply with these rules, it may be disqualified from the competition without notification

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## COMPETITION TERMS:

- Wales Poetry Award 2023 opens 2nd October 2023 (02.10.2023) at 00:00 GMT and closes 5th February 2024 (05.02.2024) at 23:59 GMT. Entries received outside of these dates will not be considered
- Simultaneous submissions are **not** permitted
- Poems cannot have been previously published either in print or online, paid or unpaid. This includes social media and on personal websites
- You may not submit more than five poems
- All entries must be accompanied by the relevant entry form
- Poems may not be edited once submitted
- Poems will be judged **anonymously** on quality, style, and poetic impact
- Prizes may not be awarded if we do not receive a minimum number of entries
- Poems submitted must be entirely your own work
- By entering Wales Poetry Award, authors of shortlisted, winning, and Highly Commended poems grant Poetry Wales the unrestricted rights in perpetuity to publish and broadcast their poem in print, online, audio, performance and video. Winning poems may not be published elsewhere until after the Awarding Ceremony has taken place in 2024
- Poetry Wales reserves the right to disqualify entries for any reason
- Entrants will be notified of the results of their submissions by the end of April 2024, unless circumstances prevent this
- The First Award winner is entitled to a choice between a course (excluding those with application processes) at Tŷ Newydd Writing Centre or a week-long self-catered retreat at the dedicated writing retreat cottage, Nant, courtesy of Literature Wales. This cannot be exchanged for a monetary prize





# RULES

## FORMAT:

- Poems must be written primarily in English, with a key or footnotes included for any words translated
- Unless visual effects or font variations are part of the poem's composition, entries must be typed, single-spaced, in 12pt Arial font and printed in black ink
- Poems must not exceed 70 lines, excluding titles
- If a poem exceeds one page, please number pages with the title on each page
- Poems entered online must be sent as separate documents in either .doc, .docx, or PDF format
- Your name **must not be visible** on entries as poems are judged anonymously
- Entries will not be returned, so please keep a copy for your own records

## ENTRY:

- Entrants must be 17 or over at time of submission
- A submission fee of £5 must accompany every poem submitted, with the exception of those entitled to free entry
- Entries are free to UK residents from low-income backgrounds, from households earning £16000 or less per year. We do not require proof of this
- Entry fees may be paid via our website, Submittable, or using the form overleaf
- Your contact details will be used to inform you about the status of your entry
- Entrants must be contactable via email or phone



# WALES POETRY AWARD 2023 ENTRY FORM

Enter online or complete the following form in BLOCK CAPITALS and send it, along with your poems and payment, to: Wales Poetry Award 2023, Poetry Wales, Suite 6, 4 Derwen Road, Bridgend, CF31 1LH

## YOUR DETAILS:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of birth: \_\_/\_\_/\_\_\_\_ Preferred Pronouns (e.g. they/them, he/him, she/her) \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Postcode: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone no.: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Would you like to subscribe to the *Poetry Wales* email newsletter? Yes ☐ No ☐

I confirm that I have read and understood the competition rules ☐

## POEM TITLE(S):

1. \_\_\_\_\_ £5/free

2. \_\_\_\_\_ £5/free

3. \_\_\_\_\_ £5/free

4. \_\_\_\_\_ £5/free

5. \_\_\_\_\_ £5/free

Total: £\_\_\_\_\_

## PAYMENT:

Payment is accepted by cheque or card

Please make cheques payable to Poetry Wales Press Ltd., or fill in your card details below:

Name (as it appears on card): \_\_\_\_\_

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Please ensure your entries reach us before 05.02.24

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