

1. The Promoter

The promoter is: SOMERSET COUNTY COUNCIL of County Hall, Taunton, TA1 4DY (“**SCC**”).

2. The competition

2.1 The title of the competition is: Theo’s Story – Creative Writing Competition.

2.2 To celebrate foster carers in Somerset we are offering all budding local authors the chance to win £250 in vouchers given as £150 from LOVE2SHOP and £100 of National Book Tokens for themselves and to nominate their chosen school, college or not-for-profit group (subject to SCC’s approval) to receive an additional £250 in National Book Tokens. Simply write and submit a story of up to 1000 words that reflects at least one of the following key messages of Fostering In Somerset’s short animation “Theo’s Story” in some way: personal struggles, compassion, positive change, making a difference. The best entry in each of 3 age categories (10 and under, 11 to 17, and 18 and over) will be selected to win the prize by a panel of judges.

3. How to enter

3.1 The competition will run from 00:01 on 01/05/2022 (the "**Opening Date**") to 23:59 on 31/01/2022 (the "**Closing Date**") inclusive.

3.2 All competition entries must be received by SCC at a participating library by no later than 23:59 on the Closing Date. All competition entries received after the Closing Date are automatically disqualified.

3.3 Entries must be submitted with a completed entry form attached to these conditions., Hard copies of the entry form are available in all libraries and can be completed when you hand in your entry and are also available to download and print from www.fosteringinsomerset.org.uk. Entries without a fully completed, signed entry form will not be accepted.

3.4 To enter the competition you must submit your entry by handing in a completed entry form in hard copy together with a hard copy of your story to member of staff at any participating library during library opening hours. Participating libraries are: Bishops Lydeard, Bridgwater, Bruton, Burnham-On-Sea, Castle Cary, Chard, Cheddar, Crewkerne, Dulverton, Frome, Glastonbury, Ilminster, Langport, Martock, Milborne Port,

Minehead, Nether Stowey, North Petherton, Porlock, Priorswood (Taunton), Shepton Mallet, Somerton, South Petherton, Street, Taunton, Watchet, Wellington, Wells, Wiliton, Wincanton, Wiveliscombe, Yeovil. A full list of library opening hours is available at: <https://www.somerset.gov.uk/libraries-leisure-and-communities/libraries/our-libraries/>.

- 3.5 Entries may be handwritten or typed. Entries will not be accepted by email or any way other than as explained in conditions 3.3 above.
- 3.6 No purchase is necessary to enter the competition.
- 3.7 SCC will **not** accept:
- (a) responsibility for competition entries that are lost, mislaid, damaged or delayed in transit, regardless of cause, including, for example, as a result of failure to submit the entry in accordance with these conditions; or
 - (b) proof of posting as proof of receipt of entry to the competition.
- 3.8 By submitting a competition entry, you are agreeing to be bound by these terms and conditions.
- 3.9 Please see <https://www.fosteringinsomerset.org.uk/resources/storycomp.htm> for a copy of these competition terms and conditions.
- 3.10 The competition entries will be judged by a panel of three judges. The winners will be chosen on the basis of creativity and the ability to engage the reader. The decision of the panel of judges will be final.
- 3.11 A list of names of the judges can be viewed on www.fosteringinsomerset.org.uk from the Opening Date for a period of 60 days.

4. Eligibility

- 4.1 The competition is only open to residents of Somerset, **except**:
- (a) employees of SCC, its agents or suppliers who are professionally connected with the competition or its administration; or
 - (b) members of the immediate families or households of (a) above and of the judges of the competition.
- 4.2 The age category for entries will be based on the entrant's age on the Closing Date. Entrants under the age of 18 at the date of submission must have the permission of their parent or guardian to enter and the parent or guardian must sign the entry form to indicate permission and acceptance of these rules on the entrant's behalf.

- 4.3 In entering the competition, you confirm that:
- (a) you are eligible to do so and eligible to claim the prize. SCC may require you to provide proof that you are eligible to enter the competition; and
 - (b) that your entry is original that you own and have the right to license to SCC the copyright and other intellectual property rights in the entry for the purposes referred to in these Rules.
- 4.4 SCC will not accept competition entries that are:
- (a) automatically generated by computer;
 - (b) illegible; or
 - (c) incomplete.
- 4.5 There is a limit of one entry to the competition per person.
- 4.6 SCC reserves all rights to disqualify you if your conduct is contrary to the spirit or intention of the prize competition.
- 4.7 Competition entries cannot be returned.

5. The prize

- 5.1 The prize for each age category is a LOVE2SHOP voucher to the value of £150, and National Book Tokens to the value of £100, together with National Book Tokens to the value of £250 for the entrant's chosen school, college or not-for-profit group. Nominated school's colleges or not-for-profit groups must be based in Somerset and their objectives and values must be consistent with those of SCC. SCC reserves the right to refuse to award vouchers to nominated organisations which do not meet the requirements set out in this condition and SCC's decision is final in this respect. Where SCC chooses not to award a voucher to the entrant's nominated organisation it will allocate the voucher to a qualifying organisation of its choice and will inform the entrant of its decision and the recipient organisation.
- 5.2 SCC reserves the right to substitute the prize with a prize of equal or greater value.
- 5.3 The prize is not negotiable transferable.

6. Winners

- 6.1 The decision of the judges nominated by SCC is final and no correspondence or discussion will be entered into.

- 6.2 SCC will contact the winner personally as soon as practicable after the Announcement Date, using the telephone number or email address provided with the competition entry. SCC will not amend any contact information once the competition entry form has been submitted.
- 6.3 SCC must either publish or make available information that indicates that a valid award took place. To comply with this obligation SCC will publish the first name and age of major prize winners and, if applicable, their winning entries in www.fosteringinsomerset.org.uk and on its social media channels on or by 17/06/2022 (Announcement Date).
- 6.4 If you object to any or all of your surname, county and winning entry being published or made available, please contact Michelle Mitchell in SCC's press office (mmitchell@somerset.gov.uk, 01823 355020). In such circumstances, SCC must still provide the information and winning entry to the Advertising Standards Authority on request.

7. Claiming the prize

- 7.1 Please allow 28 days for delivery of the prize.
- 7.2 The prize may not be claimed by a third party on your behalf.
- 7.3 SCC will make all reasonable efforts to contact the winner. If the winner cannot be contacted or is not available within 20 of days of the Announcement Date, SCC reserves the right to select an alternative winning entry from the entries that were received before the Closing Date.
- 7.4 SCC does not accept any responsibility if you are not able to take up the prize.

8. Limitation of liability

Insofar as is permitted by law, SCC, its agents or distributors will not in any circumstances be responsible or liable to compensate the winner or accept any liability for any loss, damage, personal injury or death occurring as a result of taking up the prize except where it is caused by the negligence of SCC, its agents or distributors or that of their employees. Your statutory rights are not affected.

9. Ownership of competition entries and intellectual property rights

- 9.1 SCC does not claim any rights of ownership in your competition entry.
- 9.2 You agree that SCC may, but is not required to, make your entry available on its website www.fosteringinsomerset.org.uk and any other media, whether now known or invented

in the future, and in connection with any publicity of the competition or with SCC's functions as a local authority. You agree to grant SCC a non-exclusive, worldwide, irrevocable licence, for the full period of any intellectual property rights in the competition entry and any accompanying materials, to use, display, publish, transmit, copy, edit, alter, store, re-format and sub-licence the competition entry and any accompanying materials for such purposes.

10. Data protection and publicity

- 10.1 SCC will only process your personal information as set out in the <https://www.fosteringinsomerset.org.uk/resources/storycomp.htm> See also condition 6.3 and condition 6.4, with regard to the announcement of winners.

11. General

- 11.1 If there is any reason to believe that there has been a breach of these terms and conditions, SCC may, at its sole discretion, reserve the right to exclude you from participating in the competition.
- 11.2 SCC reserves the right to hold void, suspend, cancel, or amend the prize competition where it becomes necessary to do so.
- 11.3 These terms and conditions shall be governed by English law, and the parties submit to the non-exclusive jurisdiction of the courts of England and Wales.