

## Michael Hartnett Annual Poetry Award 2025

*Gradam Bliantúil Filíochta i gCuimhne ar Mhícheál Ó hAirtnéide 2025*

This annual award was established by Limerick County Council and is jointly funded by Limerick City and County Council and The Arts Council to mark Michael Hartnett's contribution to literature in English and Irish. In 2025, the award of €8,000 will be made to the winning poet on the basis of a **second or subsequent book of poetry, published in the last two years, i.e. 2023 – 2024.**

The Michael Hartnett Annual Poetry Award is awarded in alternate years to books of poetry in the Irish and English language. **This year, 2025, the award will be made to a poet writing in Irish.** This year's adjudicators are **Ailbhe Ní Ghearbhaigh and Louis de Paor.**

**The closing date for applications is Friday, 27th June 2025.**

The Michael Hartnett Annual Poetry Award will be presented to the winning poet at the opening of Éigse Michael Hartnett on Thursday 2 October 2025 in Newcastle West, Co. Limerick.

### Conditions:

1. The Michael Hartnett Annual Poetry Award 2025 **targets published poets in early career, with the objective of supporting and encouraging writing in Irish.**
2. The Michael Hartnett Annual Poetry Award, in the year 2025 will be awarded for a book of poetry in the **Irish language.**
3. The award-winning poet must be an Irish national or be resident in Ireland for a period of over two years.
4. A book of poems by a poet will be selected on the following basis:  
**That it must be the poet's second or subsequent book of poetry published in the last two years, i.e. 2023 - 2024.**
5. **Only single volumes** and not selected poems or collections are eligible for submission.
6. Previous recipients of the Michael Hartnett Poetry Award are not eligible for consideration in 2025.

7. Poetry books are to be submitted by **publishing houses** and only one book title per poet is allowed. (Poets must be informed by their publishers of their books' submission for this award.)
8. The adjudicator's decision will be final. No discussion will be entered into with any of the submitted poets with regard to the judges' decision.
9. **Four copies** of the submitted book of poems with the completed application form should be sent to: **Limerick Arts Office, Limerick City and County Council, Merchants Quay, Limerick** and should arrive here no later than **Friday, 27th June 2025**. (Please note that books cannot be returned.)
10. Please submit a separate application form for each individual poet.
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Please forward **application forms** and **four copies** of the book to:

**Limerick Arts Office**  
**Limerick City and County Council, Merchant's Quay, Limerick**

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