

# Poetry in Bloom – Terms and Conditions 2026

1. All information detailing how to enter **Poetry in Bloom at Powerscourt Estate 2026** forms part of these Terms and Conditions. By entering, entrants and/or the parent/guardian of entrants under 18 agree to abide by these Terms and Conditions.
2. **Poetry in Bloom 2026** opens for submissions on **Friday 5th June 2026**.
3. The closing date for submissions is **Monday 31st August 2026**.
4. Submissions received after this date will not be accepted.
5. Entries must consist of an original **poem or lyrics inspired by nature**, with no minimum length requirement. Submissions must not exceed **250 words**.
6. Poetry submissions may be inspired by nature observed at **Powerscourt Gardens**, including landscapes, wildlife, flowers, trees, biodiversity, the seasons or surrounding Wicklow scenery.
7. Entrants may submit only original work created by the individual making the submission. It is the responsibility of entrants and/or parents/guardians to ensure that submitted content does not infringe copyright or intellectual property rights of any third party.
8. **Three entry categories apply:**
9. **Category 1:** Ages **7-12**
10. **Category 2:** Ages **13-17**
11. **Category 3:** Ages **18+**
12. Copyright of all submitted creative work remains with the entrant. However, by entering, entrants grant **Powerscourt Estate** a non-exclusive, royalty-free, worldwide and perpetual licence to feature submitted work across Powerscourt Estate promotional materials, exhibitions, publications, social media, websites and marketing communications in connection with **Poetry in Bloom** and future promotion of the initiative.
13. Selected submissions may be featured on the **Poetry Wall** at Powerscourt Estate, online, in promotional materials or as part of future **Poetry in Bloom** activities.
14. Renowned actor **Patrick Bergin** may review selected submissions as part of his support for **Poetry in Bloom 2026**.
15. The **first 20 valid entries** submitted online will receive a **complimentary Family Day Pass to Powerscourt Gardens**. Winners will be contacted directly and must provide their **postal address, email address and phone number** to receive their pass. Complimentary Family Day Passes will be

**valid for 12 months from the date of issue** and are subject to Powerscourt Estate standard entry conditions.

16. To help inspire visitors, a special poetry trail featuring the ancient Irish poem **'The Song of Amergin'** will be installed throughout Powerscourt Gardens, alongside a **Poetry Wall** showcasing selected entries from previous years.
17. The **overall winner**, selected in an open prize draw and announced in **October 2026**, will receive a **year's annual family membership to Powerscourt Estate and a €250 gift card**.
18. **Three runners-up** will each receive **annual membership to Powerscourt Estate**.
19. Powerscourt Estate reserves the right to substitute prizes with alternatives of equal value if circumstances beyond its control make this necessary.
20. Any submissions containing material deemed offensive, discriminatory, defamatory, racist, sexually explicit, promoting violence, drug use, hate speech, extreme profanity or otherwise inappropriate will be disqualified.
21. By entering **Poetry in Bloom**, entrants agree to the collection, retention and use of their personal information for the purpose of administering the competition, contacting entrants regarding submissions and prizes, and for associated publicity in line with applicable data protection legislation.
22. For entrants **under the age of 18**, submission of an entry confirms that a **parent or legal guardian has granted permission** for participation in **Poetry in Bloom 2026** and agrees to these Terms and Conditions on behalf of the entrant.
23. For entrants under 18, a **parent or guardian may be contacted to verify consent** and/or to administer prizes. Personal data will only be retained for as long as necessary for the administration of **Poetry in Bloom 2026** and associated communications and will not be shared with third parties unless required for administration of the initiative or by law.
24. Powerscourt Estate accepts no responsibility for technical issues, lost submissions, delays, damage, loss, liabilities, injury or disappointment incurred by entrants participating in the initiative.
25. Events outside the reasonable control of Powerscourt Estate may occur which render **Poetry in Bloom 2026** impossible to fulfil as planned. In such circumstances, Powerscourt Estate reserves the right to amend, postpone or cancel the initiative without liability.
26. The promoter of **Poetry in Bloom 2026** is:

**Powerscourt Estate**  
Enniskerry

Co. Wicklow  
Ireland

1. **Poetry in Bloom at Powerscourt Estate 2026** and these Terms and Conditions shall be governed by Irish law and entrants submit to the exclusive jurisdiction of the Irish courts.

**Updated: June 2026**