

EU - Essay Competition



Theme: Challenges and Change - 40 years of EU Membership

Forty years ago Ireland joined the EU. It then comprised nine countries and was known as the European Economic Community. Since that time both Ireland and the EU have been transformed. We can see evidence of that change all around us. EU Membership has brought opportunities and challenges for Ireland. Dublin City Public Libraries want you to think about what it means to be both Irish and European. We want you to show us your knowledge about the theme and impress us with your research and writing skills. Can you earn the admiration of our judges with how well you address the subject of '40 Years of EU Membership'? Then give it a go!

Competition Rules

- The Competition is open to anyone in Dublin City aged between 13 and 18 years.
- All entries must be accompanied by a completed Entry Form.
- Entry forms will be available from your school and from any Dublin City Public Library, and can also be downloaded from www.dublincitypubliclibraries.ie
- Closing date for entries is Saturday 12th April 2014.
- Entries can be delivered to any branch library in Dublin City directly or by email to dublinpubliclibraries@dublincity.ie (put 'EU Essay' in the subject line)
- Proof of age, identity and eligibility may be requested.
- Only one entry per person.
- Entrants grant permission to Dublin City Public Libraries to publish the entries online or in print.
- Children or close relatives of Dublin City Library staff or Jury Members are not eligible to enter the competition.
- Essays must follow the theme of the competition.
- Essays should have a minimum of 800 words and a maximum of 2000 words.

Essays will be short-listed by a panel of judges and the final winners will be selected by author and academic Conor Kostick.

Prizes - This is a challenging competition – so we're giving very exciting prizes!

An **iPad mini** will be awarded to the winner in each of two age groups + runner-up prizes of €50 vouchers. One school will also be selected to receive educational software to the value of €200!