Fingal County Council

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Presentation of Prizes for Fingal Libraries Poetry Day Competition

Winners of Fingal Libraries Poetry Day competition were presented with prizes by the Mayor of Fingal Cllr. Mary McCamley in County Hall, Swords, to celebrate Poetry Day Ireland on Thursday, April 26.

The theme for this year’s Poetry Day was ‘Poetry Surprises’. Fingal Libraries’ poetry project and competition: Éist agus Beir Iontas / Listen and Surprise, invited people of all ages to respond to a selection of poems by Irish poets (in English and Irish) with their own creative work in any medium.
The three winners of the competition were Iseult McDonnell in the under 12s category, Callum Brennan in 12 – 18 category and Helen Dempsey in the over 18s category.

Congratulating the winners, Mayor McCamley said: “I am so impressed by the poetry submitted to the Poetry Day competition. It is a great reflection of the talent and creativity available in Fingal.”

Chief Executive of Fingal County Council Paul Reid also attended the event. He said: “I am delighted to see Poetry Day being celebrated in Fingal. It is a great opportunity to recognise Fingal’s talented writers and poets, of all ages and backgrounds.”

Following the presentation of prizes, the competition winners were photographed with the Mayor McCamley, the Chief Executive of Fingal County Council, Mr. Paul Reid, and poet Máighréad Medbh, who was also one of the judges of the competition.

All of the entries to the competition are available to view on Fingal Libraries Poetry Day Tumblr page.

The evening finished with ‘The Ear’s Mind’, a performance of poems by Máighréad Medbh.

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Photo caption: Mayor of Fingal Cllr Mary McCamley, Poet Máighréad Medbh, poetry winners Helen Dempsey, Iseult McDonnell and Callum Brennan and Chief Executive of Fingal County Council Paul Reid at the Poetry Day Ireland event in The Atrium, Fingal County Council, Swords.