

How to win an iPad – and other competitions

✘ Scottish Book Trust are running a competition for all new media students, creative types, animators, film-makers and anyone handy with a video camera. You can win an Apple iPad for making the most entertaining, creative and inspiring short film or animation on the theme 'Family Legends'. Films should be no longer than 1 minute long and should begin or end with the link <http://www.scottishbooktrust.com/familylegends>. The prize for the best viral video entry will be an Apple iPad worth over £400. Your challenge is to create a short film or animation with the theme 'Family Legends'. Entries will be judged on creativity, entertainment value, number of views and how well it encourages people to take part in the Family Legends project online. You have until 13th February at midnight to upload your video.

You may remember that we told you in our article in October about the writing project on the same Family Legends theme. You can refresh your memory on that [here](#). The closing date is 31 January for the writing competition, but some stories have already been uploaded to The Scottish Booktrust website and you can read about Grannies, Mussels, Snotters and Uncle Jackie [there](#). All of our families have stories like this. We just have to commit them to some sort of record.

Imagining Scotland have started a competition for writers to have their work of fiction published in a book. This is the Scottish Wave of Change National Story Competition and you are invited to write up to 2,500 words of a story, song or poem in English Scots or Gaelic. You can find out more about it [here](#).

The Townhouse Company which owns luxury hotels like The Bonham in Edinburgh has a competition running for another couple of weeks on their [website](#). You could win a four night stay in one

of their hotels if you are able to do the following:-

“Upload a video to one of our group competition pages on YouTube: [My Edinburgh Trip](#) or [My Glasgow Trip](#).

Video footage must be shot in one of the cities and can be anything – your hotel room, an attraction, something funny, capturing a moment, stunning scenery, life as a local... the possibilities are endless.

In order to enter, you must first subscribe to the relevant group on our [Town House Collection YouTube channel](#). Once subscribed, you will then be able to submit a Video in the competition.

Competition Rules

Entrants must have a YouTube account to take part in the Competition. If you do not have a YouTube account, [click here](#) to register for one.

By entering the competition you automatically agreeing to our [terms and conditions](#).

Entries must be submitted by the 31st January 2011. The winning entry will be announced by The Town House Collection on the 15th February 2011.”