

Edinburgh 900 – entries invited for a new poetry writing competition

To mark the 900th anniversary of Edinburgh becoming a royal burgh, Edinburgh Libraries has launched a poetry writing competition.

Locals are invited to share their love of the capital through poems they write themselves in a contest which will celebrate Edinburgh's history, culture and community spirit. The six winning poems will then feature on bookmarks to be distributed throughout the city's libraries.



City Chambers reception for organisations who have received funding from Edinburgh 900 Pic Greg Macvean

The Rt Hon Lord Provost, Robert Aldridge, said: “This is a wonderful opportunity for the city’s poets to showcase their creativity and contribute to Edinburgh’s special celebrations.

I’m excited to hear voices from all over the city capturing the spirit, beauty and history of our remarkable capital.

Edinburgh has long been a city where literature thrives, as we mark 900 years these unique bookmarks provide another meaningful way to honour the city’s legacy and the power of words to connect and inspire.

The deadline for submissions is Friday 31 January 2025. Entrants should reside in the Edinburgh postcode area and have an EH postcode and be 18 years or older.

[Full details on how to enter and terms and condition are on the Edinburgh 900 website.](#)

Entries must be penned about the city and have a connection with the Edinburgh 900 celebrations. There are themes which can be used as inspiration:

- City of David
- City of Faith
- City of Commerce
- City of Industry
- City of Conflict
- City of Finance
- City of Ideas
- City of Leisure
- City of Celebration
- City of Diversity



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