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Women's Poetry Competitions with over £3,500 in prizes

Following the success of last years' competitions the Poetry Book Society has again partnered with Mslexia (the magazine for women's writing) to launch two major women's poetry prizes for 2019. Both competitions are now open and close 5pm GMT 16th September 2019.

The Women's Poetry Competition will be judged by the UK poet and founder of Malika's Poetry Kitchen, Malika Booker. Entrants can win up to £2,000, publication in *Mslexia* and the PBS *Bulletin* poetry magazine, a mentorship with Sandeep Parmar and a writing retreat at Scotland's International Artist Residency Centre, Cove Park.

The Women's Pamphlet Competition offers women poets the life-changing opportunity to publish a pamphlet with leading independent publisher, Seren. This year's competition winner also has the added bonus of a £250 cash prize alongside publication in the Mar/Apr/May 2020 issue of *Mslexia* and a feature in the PBS Summer *Bulletin*.

'We are delighted to continue this partnership with Mslexia. The PBS promotes the very best of contemporary poetry and the Women's Poetry Competitions are the perfect opportunity for us to support emerging talent and to share these new voices with our members.'

– Sophie O'Neill, PBS & Inpress Director

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Debbie Taylor (founder and Editorial Director) of Mslexia, 'Partnering with the PBS has promoted our annual Women's Poetry Competitions to a new level and introduces the winners and finalists to some of the most committed and influential poetry readers in the UK.'

Competition Details

Poetry Competition - 1st Prize: £2,000 plus mentorship and writing retreat, 2nd Prize: £400, 3rd Prize: £250, Unpublished Prize: £250 and 17 Finalists: £25 each.

Pamphlet Competition - 1st Prize: Publication of pamphlet by Seren Books in 2020 plus £250.

More Information - www.womenspoetrycomp.com/submit

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Editors Notes

Mslexia (www.mslexia.co.uk) is a national literary organisation based in Newcastle upon Tyne that publishes *Mslexia* magazine, the *Indie Press Guide* and range of Mslexia Mini e-book about writing. Mslexia also runs a portfolio of high-profile competitions, a touring programme of literary events and hosts an online women writers' community at Mslexia Max.

Mslexia means 'women's writing' (ms=woman, lexia=words).

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The Poetry Book Society (www.poetrybooks.co.uk) is a unique poetry book club founded by TS Eliot in 1953 to "propagate the art of poetry". In 2016, the PBS moved to Inpress in Newcastle and has since launched the redesigned *Bulletin* magazine, the Wild Card Choice, which celebrates a more diverse range of poetry, and co-founded the Northern Poetry Symposium.