

2018 Dulcie Stone Writers Competition



**Do you have a story to tell?
Are you a writer or do you draw pictures?**

The theme for the 2018 competition is:

Community – Here I come!

What gives life meaning and purpose?

What does a good life in the community look like?

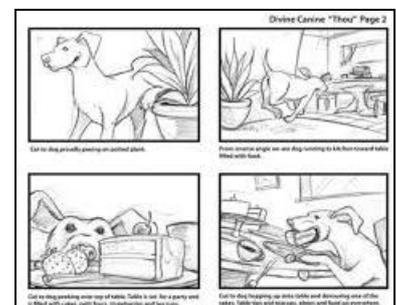
The Dulcie Stone Writers Competition is open to people with intellectual disability. It is designed to showcase the voices of people with intellectual disability and recognises the lifetime contribution of Dulcie Stone to services for people with intellectual disability and writing.

Full details about the Competition including timelines, criteria, prizes and entry forms are available from VALID and Writers Victoria.

Works can be of any length up to a maximum of **1,000 words** or a storyboard of up to **3 x A4** pages of drawings.

What is a storyboard?

A storyboard is a number of squares on one page with pictures or drawings that tells a story.



Competition entries close at **5pm,**
Thursday 27th April, 2018.

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Application Form

About you	
Your name	
Address	
Phone Number	
Email	
Eligibility: The competition is specifically for people with intellectual disability who are residents in Victoria.	
About your work	
Title	
Comments – is there anything you would like to tell us about your work?	
Work submitted must be written or made by you. It is ok if you had support to enter the competition.	
	Don't forget to attach your story (up to 1,000 words) or storyboard of up to 3 x A4 pages of drawings
How to apply	
You can email your application to: info@valid.org.au	
Or you can post or drop off your application in person (during business hours 9am - 4pm Monday to Friday) to: VALID, 235 Napier Street, Fitzroy 3065	
I give VALID permission to use my story in the VALID Newsletter, Conference Report and in promotional material for the Dulcie Stone Writer's Competition.	
Signed Date:	

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VALID in partnership with Writers Victoria invite you to enter the Dulcie Stone Writers Competition 2018.

The Competition is designed to showcase the voices of people with intellectual disability and recognises the lifetime contribution of Dulcie Stone to services for people with intellectual disability and writing.

The Awards Ceremony will be held at Writers Victoria at The Wheeler Centre in Melbourne later in the year. Winners will be announced at The Awards Ceremony and all entrants will be invited to attend.

Dulcie Stone has won acclaim as an Author, Educator and Campaigner for people with Intellectual Disabilities. Born in Melbourne in 1924, Dulcie has worked as the Director of the WJ Christie Centre in Mildura; taught adult literacy classes; co-ordinated a range of Volunteer Services; and served on numerous boards and committees across Victoria. Dulcie was awarded an MBE in 1981 for services to people with disability and has published over 30 books, both fiction and non-fiction.

VALID is committed to the vision of an Australian nation in which people with a disability are empowered to exercise their rights as human beings and citizens in accordance with the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities. VALID strives to realise its vision by providing a range of advocacy and information programs that work to empower people with disabilities to become the leaders in their own lives. VALID is excited to be working with Writers Victoria to help progress this vision through the Inaugural Dulcie Stone Competition.

Writers Victoria is all about writing. With nearly 3,500 members throughout Victoria (and beyond), we are the state's largest organisation supporting Victorian writers. Writers Victoria has a history of supporting writers who face barriers to participation and in the development of their skills, practice and writing careers, in particular through our flagship Write-ability program for writers with disability which was highly commended at the 2016 Victorian Disability Awards. The Write-ability program is a partnership with Arts Access Victoria and began in 2012. The Write-ability ethos has been built around the importance of self-told stories, disability-leadership and peer support, and the creating of opportunities for even the quietest voices to be heard.