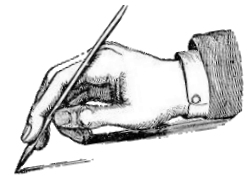


2023 Dulcie Stone Writers Competition



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

Yes, the **Dulcie Stone Writers Competition** is back, and we are now open for your entries. This year we're inviting you to submit work on **any theme** you want to write about.

That includes - things that are important to you, issues you want to make a noise about, friends and family, your community, an exciting thing you have done or something you have achieved, someone you have met, a made up story some science fiction perhaps? Absolutely anything!

Just make sure you get your entries to us by 5.00pm on the 19th of May 2023

The Competition is open to all people with intellectual disability from anywhere in Australia. It's 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.

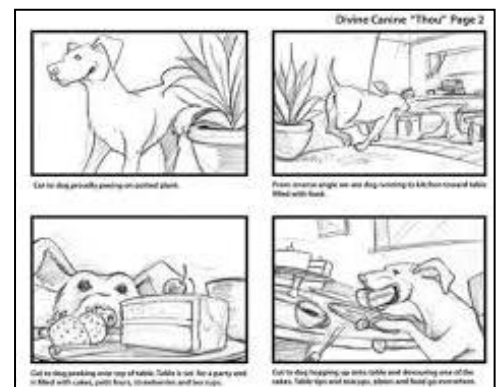
Works can be of any length up to a maximum of **1,000 words** or a storyboard of up to **3 x A4** pages of drawings.

What is a storyboard?

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



***Please Note: Closing Date:
5pm, Friday 19th May 2023**



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VALID in partnership with Writers Victoria invite you to enter the Dulcie Stone Writers Competition 2023.

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

The late Dulcie Stone won acclaim as an Author, Educator and Campaigner for people with intellectual disabilities. Born in Melbourne in 1924, Dulcie 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 published over 30 books, both fiction and non-fiction.

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

Writers Victoria is all about writing. With nearly 3,500 members throughout Victoria (and beyond), they 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 that 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.

Application Form

Your name	
Address	
Phone Number	
Email	

Eligibility: The competition is specifically for people with intellectual disability who are residents in Australia. Work submitted must be written or made by you. It is ok if you had support to enter the competition.

Choose **one** of the following options (one choice only)

<input type="checkbox"/> Option 1 (Written Story) 	<input type="checkbox"/> Option 2 (Storyboard) 
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Title	Title
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Tell us about your written story...	Tell us about your storyboard...
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Don't forget to include your story (up to 1,000 words) or storyboard of up to 3 x A4 pages of drawings with this Application Form

Two ways to send your Application Form

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| 1. Email your application to:
heather@valid.org.au | 2. Post or drop off your application in person
(during business hours 9am - 4pm Mon to Fri) to:
VALID, 34 Stanley Street, Collingwood, 3066 |
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I give VALID permission to use my story in the VALID Newsletter, Conference Report and in promotional material for the Dulcie Stone Writers Competition.

Signed Date: