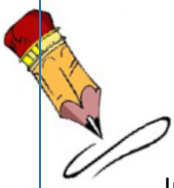

Poem and short story competition for children with an immigrant background in the elementary schools in Akureyri in order to celebrate Icelandic Language day

A project by the University of Akureyri, the town of Akureyri, the library and KEA

In the last two decades, more and more children have entered the Icelandic schools whose first language is not Icelandic. The knowledge of Icelandic is the key to success in the Icelandic school system. With this competition, we want to encourage these children to creatively use the Icelandic language to show that this language is not only a tool for succeeding in school but first of all a language for creating poems and stories. The entry can be creative writing of any kind, such as a poem, a short story, lyrics, or a play. There are no limits to the subject matter, style or length.

We explicitly welcome all levels of Icelandic, so it does not matter if you are born here or just recently moved to Iceland. Submissions will be assessed based on creativity, not language proficiency. This competition shall allow the children to try out Icelandic in order to show what can be created.

Among all the entries there will be a lottery and 15 will receive a voucher from the bookshop and a cinema ticket.

Menningarfélag Akureyrar/The Culture Association of Akureyri gives the price winners tickets for two, to the play *Gallsteinar afa Gissa*; a playful musical for kids and families, which premieres on 23rd of February, 2019.

The best entry will get a free ski pass for the whole winter.

In the age group 11–13 one extra price will be a free participation in the Vísindaskóla unga fólksins at HA .

Submission deadline is the 31st of October.

Price will be given out on the 17th of November at 12:00 at the Public Library/Amtsbókasafnið.

Please hand your text (handwritten or printed) to your school teacher or email it to: helgah@akureyri.is