



## 2nd Short story competition I need Spain

In celebration of the **Día E** (the “fiesta” of those who speak Spanish) held by Instituto Cervantes every year across the globe, **Instituto Cervantes Dublin**, in collaboration with the **Tourist Office of the Spanish Embassy** in Ireland and the **Education Advisory of the Spanish Embassy** in Ireland, with sponsorship from **Castilla y León**, is holding its 2nd short story competition, under the theme “**I need Spain**”.

### Terms

1. Any student of Spanish who wishes to put their imagination to the test may enter the competition, regardless of their nationality, as long as they are resident in Ireland. Each participant must enter one short story only.
2. The short stories must not exceed 400 words (around 20 lines in Times New Roman, 12 pt). They must be original and unpublished work, and not have been previously awarded in any other competitions or events.
3. The theme of the short story is open, however, it should take place in Spain and must include the phrase “Necesito España”, or its translation into English, “I need Spain”.
4. There are two categories according to the author’s age:
  - 1- 7-11 years old
  - 2- 12 and over
5. Authors in the first category (7-11 years old) may write their stories in either Spanish or English. However, authors in the second category (12 years old and older) must write their story in Spanish.
6. In order to participate, the story must be sent by e-mail to [bibdub@cervantes.es](mailto:bibdub@cervantes.es) with “short story competition” in the subject line. In the e-mail, the author must include their first name, surname, address, telephone number, the name of the institution where they are studying, and the name of their teacher. The story should be attached to the e-mail as a document.
7. The deadline for receipt of the short stories is 10th June, 2012.

8. The winners will be announced on Saturday 23rd June, during the awards ceremony which will take place in Instituto Cervantes, as part of the aforementioned **Día E** festivities. That same day, all the short stories received will be published on Instituto Cervantes Dublin's blog: <http://dublin.blogs.cervantes.es>

9. The jury, which will be presided over by the director of Instituto Cervantes Dublin and comprise members of staff of Instituto Cervantes, the Tourist Office of the Spanish Embassy in Ireland, and the Education Advisory of the Spanish Embassy in Ireland, will select two winners per category. The jury will be looking for expression, creativity and originality, as well as the literary merit of the short stories.

10. The following prizes will be awarded in **each category**:

- 1<sup>st</sup> prize: A cheque for **100 euros for the author of the winning short story**. The cheque must be used to buy books related to the Spanish-speaking world and to teaching or learning Spanish.

The winning institution will also receive a week-long **teacher training course**, for one of its teachers, **in a school in Castilla y León, courtesy of the Regional Government of Castilla y León, including return flights, care of the Tourist Office of the Spanish Embassy in Ireland.**

- 2<sup>nd</sup> prize: A cheque for **50 euros for the author of the story selected as runner-up by the jury**. The cheque must be used to buy books related to the Spanish-speaking world and to teaching or learning Spanish.

We look forward to receiving your story!

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