

# ECCTER Umoja Orphanage Writing Competition 2016



Part proceeds to Umoja Orphanage Kenya (Reg. Charity CH2110)
Orphanage Kenya project (a Project of RAWCS)
a project sponsored by Sunrise Rotary Club Bundaberg.



# **Closing Date: Friday 26th August 2016**

Short fiction, essay, poetry or travel article up to 1,000 words

**Theme: PEACE** 

ENTRY \$10

OR DONATE MORE
Fundraising for
Umoja Orphanage
Kenya)



WIN
Trophy
Plus blog
Posting
AND
CERTIFICATE

## Why enter this writing competition?

You will be happy in the knowledge you are contributing to a worthy cause You will be part of a global community committed to literacy You will find information about volunteering overseas on our blog You will enjoy creatively writing to the broad theme of 'PEACE' You will receive tips, advice and encouragement about writing on our blog You will improve your own literacy and writing ability while helping Umoja





### Fundraising for Umoja Orphange Kenya

The competition two years ago as a fundraiser and reputable literary competition for the Umoja Orphanage Kenya.

The orphanage was established by Australian school teacher Cathy Booth. After visiting Kenya and seeing first hand the conditions and lack of self-sustainable communities, Cathy knew she wanted to contribute.

### See the official website: umojahome.com

Join this year's competition and help build a community of writers who think globally and have humanitarian views. We believe literacy helps avoid poverty. We want to encourage greater learning in a fun and unique way in a competition anyone can enter.

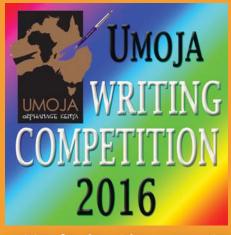
Aptly, our first winner Lauren Dionysius had already spent time volunteering in Africa. She said after her win, "My writing dreams are starting to grow, inch by inch. I've also found a retreat in Tuscany for next year that combines five of my favourite things: travel, yoga, organic food, wine & of course writing! ... Exciting times ahead!! I am so grateful to you for initiating the Umoja Writing Competition, and now it feels like my writing dreams are starting to unfold and I know that this competition has been the springboard for that. So, thank you!"

Last year's winner Kirsten Leggett said, "I worked as a volunteer in an orphanage in Bolivia, and appreciate how difficult it is to source funding – that's why I entered the competition – and while I'm over the moon my entry was considered so favourably, I'd like to donate my prize money back to the orphanage." Lauren also donated her prize money back so this year we've decided to reduce the entry fee and not have a monetary price. That way all money goes directly to the project.

### See what great opportunities await if you join this competition.

Writers who enter can be assured their entry money (or any generous donations) will go directly to the orphanage project (through their Rotary payment page.

We'd really encourage school-age writers, because these are the majority of people going overseas to volunteer in their gap year. English students, particularly will find the competition a challenge, and again, there's the knowledge that it's for a worthy cause. Please pass this information on to your fellow writers. Thank you.





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