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The SE² 10th Birthday Short Story Competition

To celebrate our 10th birthday, SE² is running two competitions - a short story competition and a photography competition - both on the theme of sustainability.

The competition's overall theme is '**the climate change conversation**'.

The short story competition first prize is £150, with two runner-up prizes of £75.

The competition is open to writers over the age of 16, of any nationality, writing in English.

To enter the competition, email your story to story@se-2.co.uk by midnight on **Friday 30 May 2014**.

Entries must be:

- no more than 1200 words
- in English
- in a normal font size (12 point is fine)

All entries will be judged anonymously. Manuscripts must show no name, address or identifying marks other than the title of the story. Entries must be entirely your own work and never previously published or broadcast, online or offline.

The judges will be looking for stories that combine strong storytelling technique with a way of communicating the competition theme that is creative, original and likely to have a big impact.

All entrants are asked to ensure they have read all **Rules and Guidelines** before entering.

All entrants will be informed if they have been shortlisted by **Friday 27th June 2014**, by email. The winners will be announced at our 10th Birthday Party in July (date TBC).

Rules and guidelines

- Please send a covering email with your entry including the title of your story, your full name, postal address, contact telephone number and email address.
- Manuscripts must not show any name, address or identifying marks other than the title of the story.
- Please provide your real name and details. In the event that your story reaches the short list, you will be given the opportunity to specify a pen name for public use. We reserve the right to disqualify entries by anyone using multiple "identities" if we feel that these have been submitted with the purpose of deception.
- You may enter as many times as you wish.
- The competition is open to writers of any nationality writing in English.
- There is no restriction on style.
- Maximum number of words is 1200.
- Entries must be entirely your own work and never previously published or broadcast, online or offline.
- Worldwide copyright on each entry remains with its author. By entering and only if your story is short-listed, you grant permission:
 - a) for a copy to be published online by SE² and in a free e-book distributed online via the SE² website;
 - b) for an excerpt from it to be read at the results event;
 - c) for said reading to be recorded and shared through online video and sound sharing media.
- Notification of receipt of entry will normally be by email.
- Judging is anonymous. The judges' verdict is final. We will not enter into any correspondence about entries or results. We cannot provide any feedback on individual entries.
- Stories cannot be altered or substituted once they have been entered.



- In the case of multiple entries, all will be read but no more than one will be short-listed. As the short list is created anonymously, this will be checked at the final short-listing stage and if necessary de-duplicated.
- SE² reserves the right to cancel this competition at any stage
- Entry is taken as acceptance of these rules.