

## **Judging Criteria for Creative Writing: “What Human Rights means to me”**

Creative Writing entries should not be longer than 2,000 words. Entries with more than 2,000 words will not be accepted. Please submit in the following format:

- Cover Page should include Title, Full name, Contact details (i.e. email, mobile) and Category
- Font Times New Roman, Font size 12
- Double-spaced

Judges will look for entries in each age category which exemplify one or more of the following:

1. Clarity and originality of expression
2. Significance and originality of thought
3. Characters: presentation and development
4. Structure
5. Technical correctness
6. Matters of organisation\*

\*How the submission effectively demonstrates a focused and ordered discussion, a developed and concluded discussion of ideas and establishment and maintenance of a controlling idea

7. Matters of convention\*

\*Consideration of correctness of mechanics (i.e. spelling, punctuation, capitalisation, etc); grammar

8. Matters of choice\*

\*The judge will consider the extent to which the writing exhibits effective control of tone (i.e. total impression of stylistic control), diction (i.e. imagery, idiomatic expression, etc) and syntax (i.e. parallelism, balance, inversion, sentence length)

## **Judging Criteria for Poetry: “What Human Rights means to me”**

Judges will look for creativity, originality, artistic quality, spelling and relevance to the theme. Any style of poetry is open for consideration – free verse, haiku, rhyme, etc. The poem should not be longer than 30 lines. Please submit in the following format:

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Judges will look for poems in each age category which exemplify one or more of the following:

- The poet knows and cares about the topic of the poem
- The poet evokes response in the reader, appealing to emotions and/or intellect
- The form and content of the poem complement one another
- The poet uses language precisely and economically,
- The poet maintains a consistent voice

All submissions to be sent to [maruahsg@gmail.com](mailto:maruahsg@gmail.com) with subject title: Name (Category)\_What Human Rights means to me before November 17<sup>th</sup> 2011.