

SHOUT OUT!

STORYTELLING COMPETITION

[UNBREAKABLE]

ABOUT

Everyone has a story: and we want you to tell yours, in your own way.

Shout Out! is the award-winning competition connecting communities across the Western Downs through storytelling. This year, we want to hear your unbreakable stories: How have you shown resilience through the recent weather events or personal adversity?

Due to popular demand, we've opened the competition up to two categories: **Youth** and **(new!) Open**.

This is a *storytelling* competition. If you're not a great writer, but you have a great story — we want to hear it!

ELIGIBILITY

- * Must live, work or study in the Western Downs
- * Ages 12 to 17 (Youth) *or* 18+ (Open)
- * Stories must be in written or audio format
- * No more than 500 words / 5 minutes (Youth) *or* 1,000 words / 10 minutes (Open)

DATES

Entries open Tuesday 1 August and close Tuesday 31 October 2023. →



FACTSHEET

UNBREAKABLE

[un-breakable]

adjective

To stand strong in the face of adversity.

All entries must be submitted online at westerndownslibraries.com/shout-out

PRIZES

Six finalists (three finalists each across the Youth and Open categories) will be handpicked from our panel of judges to have their story *professionally produced* into a short film. Videos will be premiered at Words Out West: Western Downs Readers & Writers Fest 2024 — and if you're one of the lucky finalists, you come along too.

You'll also receive an annual membership to Queensland Writers Centre, and admission to the Brisbane Children Writers Festival (Youth) or the Words Out West Festival Day (Open).

Did we mention prize money? Each overall category winner (Youth and Open) will take home \$250 in cash, too.



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