

Privacy statement

Strokestown International Poetry Festival

Who we are

The Strokestown International Poetry Festival was founded in 1999. It takes place annually on the first weekend of May, in Strokestown, Co. Roscommon. ‘Our mission is to showcase contemporary poetry, local, national and international, foster the development of emerging writers and consolidate poetry in local cultural life bringing it to the widest possible audience’. Strokestown International Poetry Festival values the support of everyone who interacts with us either as participants in our activities or as part of our audiences. Any information collected by the Poetry Festival is used solely for the purposes of developing the festival and making poetry accessible to all. In our Privacy Policy you can read about how and why we collect and store information.

Consent to collect information

How do you get my consent?

When you provide us with personal information to complete a transaction, such as verifying your credit card, confirming your email or postal address, to enter a competition or make a donation, we imply that you consent to our collecting it and using it for that specific reason only.

If we ask for your personal information for a secondary reason, like marketing, we will either ask you directly for your expressed consent, or provide you with an opportunity to say no.

How do I withdraw my consent?

If you wish, at anytime, to withdraw your consent for us to contact you, for the continued collection, use or disclosure of your information, you may contact us at:

Strokestown International Poetry Festival

Bawn Street

Strokestown

Co Roscommon.

Types of data we collect

Contact information and Entry/Donation Data

When you enter a competition, make a donation or seek information to be sent to you through the Poetry Festival office or website your name, address data, email and contact number will be stored in our system. We do not share your personal details with any other entity or festival without your consent.

Mailing Lists

As part of the marketing of our festival, we collect personal information. We use this information to inform you about the activities of the festival; to advertise our competitions and to develop support for the festival and poetry in general.

From time to time we use a third-party provider, MailChimp, to deliver information by email. We gather statistics around email opening and clicks using industry standard technologies to help us monitor and improve our communications. For more information, please see MailChimp’s privacy notice. You can unsubscribe to general mailings by clicking the unsubscribe link at the bottom of any of our emails.

Payment Data

Our online payments providers are PayPal and Stripe. They provide us with the on line facility to receive payments for entries to competitions and to receive donations from supporters. Standards for the secure handling of credit card information are set by PCI-DSS as managed by the PCI Security Standards Council, which is a joint initiative of brands such as Visa, MasterCard, American Express and Discover.

Website Cookies & Google Analytics

Cookies

Strokestown International Poetry Festival website uses cookies. This is standard practice for all websites. Cookies are small text files that are placed on your machine to help the site provide a better user experience. In general, cookies are used to retain user preferences, store information for things like shopping baskets, and provide anonymised tracking data to third party applications like Google Analytics. As a rule, cookies will make your browsing experience better. When visiting the website, you will be given the opportunity to consent to this use. By using and browsing the Strokestown Poetry website, you consent to cookies being used in accordance with our policy. However, you may prefer to disable cookies on this site and on others. The most effective way to do this is to disable cookies in your browser. We suggest consulting the Help section of your browser or taking a look at [the About Cookies website](#) which offers guidance for all modern browsers. When you click on links on our website, they may direct you away from our site. We are not responsible for the privacy practices of other sites and encourage you to read their privacy statements.