

Office of the Director-General

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Mauritius High Commission
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Dear High Commissioner,

I'm very happy to be reaching out to you directly with the news that we have just opened the 2024 Commonwealth Short Story Prize, with submissions being accepted up to 1 November 2023. The Foundation awards the prize every year for the best piece of unpublished short fiction from any of the Commonwealth's 56 Member States. We accept entries in 12 languages as well as English, including Creole. Information on the prize, including eligibility information, submission guidelines, and a link to the entry form can be found here: <https://commonwealthfoundation.com/short-story-prize/> . I also attach our press release.

The Foundation is proud of the fact that we now receive entries from just about every Commonwealth country. But we remain determined to widen access still further, especially in relation to the Commonwealth's small and vulnerable member states. It is for this reason that I am reaching out to you – asking that you share details of the prize among your networks. We have found that our High Commissions can play an invaluable role in elevating the profile of the Prize back home by, for example, sharing the opportunity on social media for or forwarding the press release to media houses. The Prize can bring considerable benefits to shortlisted writers in terms of their careers and new audiences for their writing. It gives aspiring writers from across the Commonwealth the chance to showcase their talent on an international stage.

For the 2023 prize, we received 30 entries from Mauritius. It would be wonderful if, working together, we could double that number for 2024!

Should you have any questions, require additional information, or wish to discuss specific ways in which you can help support the outreach for the Commonwealth Short Story Prize, please do not hesitate to contact me. In the meantime, I thank you for your support to the Foundation and its work.

With my very best wishes,



Dr Anne T. Gallagher AO
Director-General