

YOUTH WRITING CONTEST

# WRITE IT IN EMOJI

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### WRITE IT IN EMOJI CONTEST WINNERS ANNOUNCED

**(October 16, 2017 – St. John’s, NL)** The Writers’ Alliance of Newfoundland and Labrador (WANL) and the Newfoundland Quarterly (NQ) are pleased to announce the winners of the first ever Write It in Emoji youth writing contest.

On October 14, during an open house at WANL’s new office, Joan Sullivan, Managing Editor of NQ, announced the following Write It in Emoji contest winners: **Emily Pittman, 1<sup>st</sup> place; Carley Lee, 2<sup>nd</sup> place; and Shiann Oliver, 3<sup>rd</sup> place.** The contest was judged by Matthew Hollett and Emily Deming. Sullivan also revealed that in addition to the already publicized prizes all three winning submissions would be published on NQ Online. The announcement was livestreamed from WANL’s Facebook page.

Submissions to Write It in Emoji came in from across the province from contestants aged 12 through 23. Marsha Alexander, a teacher at Lourdes Elementary, introduced the contest to her grade seven and eight classes. “Students these days communicate more with texting and emoji than the traditional English language,” Alexander said. “I felt this type of project was great to start off the year on a fun note and really highlight the different ways we communicate in the 21st century. It also allowed me to build a relationship with students because they see that I am up to date on current technology and teenage fads. It was fun. They were excited about it and really enjoyed seeing what they could do with all of the emojis available.”

Write It in Emoji is sponsored by NQ and administered by WANL. Prizes were donated by TVAL Skincare, Spoken Word St. John’s, and NQ.

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