

Call for Submissions: MAAHARA Digest #6

MAAHARA Digest is a bi-annual magazine published by Transparency Maldives under the PRIME project. This publication is published on our website and will also be disseminated via print.

Share your personal essays, poetry, as well as your artworks from **July 1st – August 10th** with us to be considered for our 6th issue of the Maahara Digest. This call is open to everyone **between the ages of 18–30**.

Theme: Who Am I?

Transparency Maldives' MAAHARA Digest #6, invites artists to submit, poems, personal essays and artworks that explore the theme of self-identity – *Who Am I?*

Consider this theme to be as broad as possible; how your roots and culture shape your identity, memories and the feelings of nostalgia surrounding your identity, how your identity is articulated through the daily routines of life, the role of community in shaping a person's life and the fears and uncertainties of the future.

No Submission fee

We do not charge for your submissions. We will not be compensating the writers or artists contributing to our digest. Submissions that are selected will be showcased in an exhibition organized by Transparency Maldives at a later date in the year.

Guidelines

We accept submissions in English as well as Dhivehi. For submissions in Dhivehi, please include a translation of your work and if you require assistance, contact Transparency Maldives' staff detailed at the end of this document.

1. **Art Submissions:** can be made in mediums such as oil, acrylic, watermedia, pastel, drawing, printmaking, mixed media, photography and digital art. You may initially submit the artwork as a scanned copy or the digital version for the Digest #6 but we will require the original artwork (hardcopy) for the exhibition. Hard copy submission does not apply to digital submissions, please submit digital submissions at the highest resolution (no less than 300 dpi). Submissions will require a title and a short biographical note about the artwork and its subject matter.

2. **Poetry Submissions:** should be submitted in Word (.doc or .docx) format. The length of the poem should not exceed one A4 page and may be rhyming poetry or free verse. Submit work that has not been previously published. Submissions will require a title and a short biographical note.
3. **Personal Essay Submissions:** should be submitted in Word (.doc or .docx) format. The length of the essay should not exceed 1500 words. Submissions will require a title and a short biographical note.

How to Apply

Please express your interest to share submissions through the google form

<https://forms.gle/PJniRS458Yj5TQqv9> .

All interested parties will be shared a link to upload submissions.

Selection

Submissions will be reviewed by Transparency Maldives. All participants will receive an email regarding the outcome of submission.

Please Note

We accept original works by the author only. **By submitting, you confirm that your work is your own.** You may submit work you have already completed that fits the theme and criteria but must not already be published. We encourage submissions from young people that have not had their works previously published or exhibited. Transparency Maldives may use selected work in future publications, reports, and its advocacy work. However, copyright of the work published rests with the artists/author and if/when used by Transparency Maldives in the future, the artist will be fully credited.

You may reach out to learn more about the open call to our Monitoring & Evaluation Coordinator, Fathimath Alaa on alaa@transparency.mv or 9693510.