



THE QUEEN'S
COMMONWEALTH ESSAY COMPETITION 2017

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issues? Want to EXPRESS
YOUR ideas globally?
Ready to write about it?

'A COMMONWEALTH FOR PEACE'

The Queen's Commonwealth Essay Competition is the world's oldest schools' international writing competition, established in 1883. With thousands of young people taking part every year, it is an important way for the young voice of the Commonwealth to be developed and heard.

This year's theme asks young writers to explore the meaning, process and importance of peace in the Commonwealth and beyond.



JUNIOR CATEGORY

Born after 1st May 2003 (under 14 years)

- 1 What is in your Toolbox for Peace?
- 2 My peaceful place.
- 3 How can children and young people come together to build a peaceful society?
- 4 'Peace cannot be learnt from a book or from religion. You have to reach out and touch the nations.' How does this relate to the Commonwealth?

SENIOR CATEGORY

Born between 2nd May 1998 and 1st May 2003 (14-18 years)

- 1 Peace.
- 2 Should you fight for peace?
- 3 Kofi Annan said 'Education is, quite simply, peace-building by another name.' Do you agree? Answer with reference to your country and/or the Commonwealth.
- 4 What is the cost of peace?

ENTER BY 1ST MAY 2017



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GUIDELINES

- The competition is open to nationals and residents of all Commonwealth countries and territories, as well as residents of The Gambia, the Maldives and Zimbabwe. Residents of non-Commonwealth countries whose entries are submitted through their local RCS branch are also eligible to enter.
- All entries must be in English.
- Entrants are asked to present their work in the format that best conveys their message, be that an essay, poem, story, folk tale, script, reportage, monologue or other written style. Photos and drawings are encouraged, particularly in the Junior Category.
- Full terms and conditions are available at www.thercs.org/competition.

AWARDS

One Winner and Runner-up will be chosen from each category. Winners and Runners-up will be flown to London for a week of educational and cultural events, culminating in a special Awards Ceremony.

A number of Gold, Silver and Bronze Awards will be given in both the Senior and Junior categories, rewarding excellence in writing. All entrants will receive a Certificate of Participation.

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