

ROTARY
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PHOTOGRAPHER
COMPETITION

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THEME – ‘BEAUTY OF NATURE’

Introduction

The Young Photographer Competition is a well-established and successful competition promoted by Rotary International in Britain and Ireland (RIBI).

It is a three-stage competition designed to support and encourages development of photographic skills.

Aims

This competition aims to encourage young people to:

- Experiment with photography
- Use digital or traditional methods of photography
- Show interpretation of their chosen topic
- Express their ideas through the medium of photography

Who can take part?

The competition is open all schools and college communities including those that are home educated and any other young people's community organisations, for example, community RotaKids, community Interact, Scout Groups, Girl Guides.

There three age groups:

Junior	7 to 10 years old
Intermediate	11 to 13 years old
Senior	14 to 17 years old

on 31 August 2018.

With the age qualifying date of 31st August 2018, it should be noted that some junior entrants may be 11, intermediate entrants may be 14 and some senior entrants may be 18 at the time of some or all the stage competitions i.e. a competitor may be 17 on 31st August but turns 18 on 1st September is allowed to enter. **Competitors must include their date of birth on the application form.**

Students should enter the competition organised by the local Rotary club through their respective group, as detailed above.

Competitors, school, colleges, and organisations can participate in a district that is outside of their boundary, but may compete in only one club/district competition.

The Three Stages of the Competition

Local Heats

Organised by local Rotary clubs. Age group winners of local heats are entered into a district competition.

Local Rotary Clubs can be found by using the club finder facility in the top right hand corner of the Rotary International in Britain and Ireland (RIBI) home webpage – www.rotarygbi.org.

District Competitions

Organised by Rotary. Age group winners of district competitions are entered into the national final.

National Final

Organised by Rotary. One entry per age group per district may be submitted by **Saturday, 6th April 2019** to the organiser, Peter Dowse, 14 Stocksfield, Kelvedon Hatch, Brentwood, Essex, England, CM15 0BU.

The dates for local heats and district competition will be determined locally. Interested parties should check dates with their local Rotary club.

Competition Guidelines

Task

To produce a portfolio of three photographs based upon the theme, 'Beauty of Nature' in colour or black and white on photographic paper. Prints to be submitted separately. Each print, including any mount should be no larger than A4 size. Mobile Phones may be used.

No actual examples will be shown here as it will be up to the individual competitors to show their interpretation of the chosen topic.

District competition winners will be asked for a digital copy in jpg format and ideally 5MB for an A4 sized print, on disc (CD-R) or memory stick, as part of the national final submission. Please ensure every photograph, disc or memory stick submitted is clearly labelled with the name of the entrant.

In addition, each entrant should provide a brief sentence of what each photograph represents in relation to the theme.

Please Note: Photographs which include those of people under 18 years old must be accompanied by written permission from the parent, guardian, or carer of the person for those photographs to be submitted.

Entries should be sent to the stage organiser by the closing date.

Photographs may not be returned unless specifically requested, although winner's photographs will be retained for display and discs/memory sticks returned.

Judges

With appropriate skills, appointed by Rotary, will apply the judging criteria below.

Judging Criteria

Judges will consider technical merit; content and composition; imagination and style.

Only in exceptional circumstance, at the sole discretion of the competition organiser, will correspondence or discussions be entered into following a competition by the competition organiser.

Prizes

At all stages of the competition, competitors will receive a certificate of participation. The national winners will be given appropriate awards.

How to enter

To enter a local heat, interested parties should contact their local Rotary club. In case of difficulty, interested parties should contact the Rotary Youth Competition Co-Ordinator, Bill Campbell, young-photographer@rotarygbi.org for assistance.

Entrants need to complete the entry form, available from rotarygbi.org or your local Rotary club and submit it, with their photographs, to the stage organiser at the time specified by the stage organiser.

Rotary Youth Competitions

This Young Photographer competition is one of seven competitions organised by Rotary International Britain and Ireland for young people. The others are: Young Chef, Young Musician, Young Writer, Youth Speaks the Young Citizens Awards and the Technology Tournament. To find out more about these competitions and other opportunities please contact your local Rotary club or visit; [Rotary Youth Competitions](http://rotarygbi.org). Local Rotary Clubs can be found by using the club finder facility in the top right hand corner of the Rotary International in Britain and Ireland (RIBI) home webpage – www.rotarygbi.org.

Working with Children

Rotary International in Great Britain and Ireland has adopted this statement of policy in working with children, vulnerable adults and those with disability.

The needs and rights of the child, the elderly, the vulnerable and those with disability take priority. It is the duty of every Rotarian to safeguard to the best of their ability, the welfare of and prevent the physical, sexual or emotional abuse and neglect of all children, the elderly, persons with disability or otherwise vulnerable persons with whom they come into contact during their Rotarian duties.