

ROTARY
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COMPETITION

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THEME – ‘Through My Eyes’

Introduction

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

There are three stages to the competition, each designed to support and encourage the development of photographic skills. Some stages may have more than one round.

Aims and Objectives

The competition aims to encourage young people to:

- experiment with photography
- use digital and/or traditional methods of photography
- demonstrate interpretation of the topic
- express ideas through the medium of photography

Who can take part?

The competition is open to all schools and college communities and those who are home educated, along with any other young peoples’ community organisations, for example, community RotaKids, community Interact, Scout Groups, Girl Guides.

There are three age groups:

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

Entrants must not be over the upper age parameter for each group on 31 August 2019.

With the age qualifying date of 31st August 2019, 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 who may be 17 on 31st August but turns 18 on 1st September is allowed to enter. **Competitors must include their age on the application form.**

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

Competitors, schools, colleges, and organisations may participate in a competition held in a Rotary club/district outwith their geographical boundary but may compete in only one club/district event.

The Three Stages of the Competition

Local Heats

These are organised by local Rotary clubs between September and December. The winners of each age group are entered into a district competition.

Local Rotary Clubs can be found by using the club finder facility in the top left-hand corner of the Home Page of the Rotary International in Great Britain and Ireland website www.rotarygbi.org.

District Competitions

These are organised by Rotary between January and February. The winners of each age group are entered into the national final.

National Final

This is organised by Rotary. One entry per age group from each district may be submitted by **Saturday, 28th March 2020** to the organiser, Michael Duke young-photographer@rotarygbi.org

The dates for local heats and district competitions will be determined locally. Entrants should check dates with their local Rotary club in the first instance.

Competition Guidelines

Task

To produce a portfolio of three photographs based upon the theme, 'Through My Eyes' in colour or black and white on photographic paper. The prints must be submitted individually. Each print, including any mount should be no larger than A4 size. Mobile Phones may be used in addition to cameras.

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, additionally, will be required to provide 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.*

To accompany the portfolio, each entrant must provide a brief sentence describing the relationship of each photograph to the theme.

Please Note: Photographs which incorporate images of people under 18 years old must be accompanied by written permission from the parent, guardian, or carer.

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

Photographs will not be returned unless specifically requested, but winners' photographs will be retained for display at the Rotary GBI Expo at the beginning of May 2020.

Judges

Persons 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 circumstances and at the sole discretion of the competition organiser, will correspondence or discussions be entered into following the competition.

Prizes

At all stages of the competition, competitors will receive a certificate of participation. The national winners will be given an opportunity to participate in a vocational experience with a professional photographer.

How to enter

To enter a local heat, contact your local Rotary club which can be found by visiting www.rotarygbi.org. In case of difficulty, contact the Rotary Youth Competition Co-Ordinator, **Michael Duke** young-photographer@rotarygbi.org for assistance.

Entrants require to complete an entry form and submit it along with their photographs, to the stage organiser by the time specified.

Rotary Youth Competitions

This Young Photographer competition is one of eleven competitions for young people organised by Rotary International in Britain and Ireland. The others are: Young Artist, Young Chef, Youth Debate, Young Environmental Project, Young Filmmaker, Young Musician, Young Writer, Young Scientist, Young Citizen Awards and the Technology Tournaments. To find out more about these competitions and other opportunities please contact your local Rotary club in the first instance.

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.