



THE QUEEN'S
COMMONWEALTH ESSAY COMPETITION 2018

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

'TOWARDS A COMMON FUTURE'

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.

Through the sub-themes of sustainability, safety, prosperity and fairness, the 2018 theme asks young writers to explore how the Commonwealth can address global challenges and work to create a better future for all citizens, particularly young people.



SENIOR CATEGORY

Born between 2nd June 1999 and
31st May 2004 (14-18 years of age)

- 1 The road to a safer future.
- 2 How does education contribute to a fairer future?
- 3 'Healthy, Wealthy, Happy, and Free': is one more important than the others?
- 4 Future generations have rights too, which must be defended. Discuss.

JUNIOR CATEGORY

Born after 31st May 2004 (under 14 years
of age)

- 1 What does a safer future mean to you and your community?
- 2 Write a recipe for a common future: what ingredients will you need? What is the best method for making it? What will it look like?
- 3 'A Day in the Life'. Imagine you are your country's Head of Government for the day: how will you build a better future for young people?
- 4 Our Common Earth.

ENTER BY 1ST JUNE 2018



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GUIDELINES

- All nationals and residents of all Commonwealth countries and territories aged 18 and under are eligible to enter the competition, including entrants from The Gambia, The Maldives and Zimbabwe.
- Residents of non-Commonwealth countries whose entries are submitted through their local RCS branch are also eligible.
- 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, letter, diary entry, 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.

The Queen's Commonwealth Essay Competition 2018 is run by The Royal Commonwealth Society.

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