

ROTARY
YOUNG
WRITER COMPETITION

Information pack



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Guidance Notes for 2017 – 2018

THEME – ‘A DIFFERENT PERSPECTIVE’

Introduction

This National Young Writer 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 encourage development of writing skills.

Aims

This competition aims to encourage young people to:

- Use their writing skills
- Write with imagination and creativity

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.

The three age groups are:

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

on 31 August 2017.

With the age qualifying date of 31st August 2017, 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 entry form.**

For entrants with motor control difficulties, an amanuensis may be used to record the entrants work to paper.

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 can only compete in 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 Monday 7th May 2018 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 written or typed story in prose entitled, '**A Different Perspective**'. The written entry could be fiction or non-fiction, a story or a poem, as long as the piece relates to the theme. Questions have been asked about spelling and although this is not an issue the only advice to be given are that judges of this competition have made comment upon spelling in the past.

An A4 page or up to 500 hundred words is a suggested suitable submission.

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

Entries may not be returned unless specifically requested

Judges

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

Judging Criteria

Judges will consider imagination relative to the subject; ability to engage interest and ability to be consistent in the power of argument

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-writer@rotarygbi.org for assistance.

Entrants need to provide the information at the end of this Information Pack and submit it, with their text to the stage organiser at the time specified by the stage organiser. This could be printed on the back of the entry submission.

Youth Competitions

This Young Writer competition is one of seven competitions organised by Rotary International Britain and Ireland for young people. The others are: Young Chef, Young Musician, Young Photographer, 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 use the following link:

[RIBI Youth Competitions](#)

Working with Children

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

[Entry Form 2017/2018](#)

Please read the Information Pack before completing this form clearly. By signing this form, you confirm you have read, understood and agreed to the terms of this Information Pack. Please return this form to the **competition organiser** by the date specified.

Entrant's Name: (please type or use CAPITAL letters)	Age on 31 st Aug 2017:	
Home Address:	School/College/Organisation:	
Post Code:		
Email:	Tel:	Mob:
Category: Junior <input type="checkbox"/> Intermediate <input type="checkbox"/> Senior <input type="checkbox"/> (please tick category)		
Entrant's signature:	Date:	
I declare that this entry is entirely my own work.		
Personal Contact Person:	Email:	
	Tel No:	
Sponsored by Rotary Club of:	District Number:	
Rotarian Contact Person:	Email:	
	Tel:	

Copyright remains with the writer but submission authorises Rotary to use it for promotional purposes

For any entrant under the age of 18 at the date of the competition, the parent, guardian or carer of the above entrant has given permission:

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| a. for the named person to take part and be identified in the competition. | Yes/ No |
| b. for reprographic/photographic/video records to be taken and used for Rotary International in Great Britain and Ireland (RIBI) publicity purposes in printed, electronic and online formats. | Yes/No |
| c. for RIBI, District and Club Public Relations Officers to make contact for public relations purposes. | Yes/No |

Not agreeing to c above does not preclude the candidate from entering the competition.

Note: Any entrant over 18 at the date of the competition, should sign this declaration below. No permission from a parent, guardian or carer is required.

Signature:	Please print name:	Date:
Parent/Guardian/Carer/Entrant (delete as appropriate)		