# **Open Future**

# **Terms and Conditions for Young People’s Essay Contests**

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**The Economist Open Future Youth (16-25) Essay Competition**

**Terms and Conditions of Participation**

This competition (the “Competition”) is operated and promoted by The Economist Newspaper Limited (“The Economist”), 1-11 John Adam Street, London WC2N 6HT, United Kingdom.  By entering the Competition, you agree to these terms and conditions and confirm that you are telling us your real name.

**The Competition**

• There are five separate essay contests, each associated with a different Open Future theme (ie, Borders, Ideas, Markets, Societies and Progress). Each contest has a specific question and description to be answered. Details of the contests will be published by The Economist on the Open Future online hub at [www.economist.com/openfuture/essay-contest](http://www.economist.com/openfuture/essay-contest).

• Essays should take a side, analyse the situation and build a case based on argument and facts. Elegant writing is important but the judges will make allowances for those for whom English is not their native language. The winner will be based on the subjective decision of the judging panel.

• There will be one winner in each category, so five winners in total.

• Entries should be no more than 1,500 words in length, and must be written in English.

• The winning entries will be published online by The Economist.

**The Prizes**

• The prize for each winner will be an invitation to one of The Economist’s Open Future events to be held on dates in 2018 and at venues which are to be announced. This will include an economy-class flight for each winner, if required to get to the relevant event, and hotel accommodation for at least two nights. The Economist will determine in its sole discretion which Open Future event location to award to each winner.

• Please note that if you win and you are under 18 at the time of the relevant Open Future event, a person with parental responsibility or some other responsible adult must accompany you. The Economist will also provide an economy-class ticket and hotel accommodation for this person.

• The prizes do not include any items other than those expressly stated. They do not include, for example, insurance costs, the costs of transfers to and from airports, food and drink other than meals provided by The Economist, taxes or personal expenses. Any such costs, or other costs incidental to the fulfilment of the prizes, are the responsibility of the winners.

• You will be responsible for ensuring that you are available to travel and hold valid passports, any necessary visas and other travel documents for the prize in question on the travel dates specified.

**How to enter**

• All entries must be received by 5.30 pm (UK) on July 15th 2018, the closing date of the Competition. Only entries that are duly received by us by the closing date will be eligible for the Competition. We cannot accept responsibility for entries that are lost, delayed or damaged and proof of sending an online entry is not proof that we received it.

• Entries must be submitted as plaintext in the body of an email addressed to OpenFuture@Economist.com, with the subject line: “Open Future essay competition” with the category name (ie, Borders, Ideas, Markets, Societies or Progress). Note: File attachments are not allowed and will not be opened.

• Entries cannot be returned so please remember to retain a copy.

• All entries must be the original work of the entrant and must not infringe the rights of any other party. The Economist accepts no responsibility if entrants ignore these terms and conditions and entrants agree to indemnify The Economist against any claim by any third party from any breach of these terms and conditions.

• Entries must not contain defamatory, obscene, offensive, or any other unsuitable material; The Economist reserves the right to disqualify entries containing such matter. Entries must be suitable to be published by The Economist for audiences of all ages.

• Each entrant retains the copyright in his or her entry but grants to The Economist a perpetual non-exclusive royalty-free licence to publish, broadcast (across all media) and post the entry online and on any other platforms yet to be envisaged, together with his or her name, age and country of residence. This licence will be deemed to include all the necessary rights and permissions to enable such use by The Economist, to fulfil the prizes and to complete the administration of this Competition.

• By submitting an entry, you agree that The Economist may at its sole discretion edit, adapt, abridge or translate the entry for the purposes listed in these terms and conditions (even if you don’t win we may, for example, publish your essay or excerpts from it as a runner-up in the Competition). You grant permission to The Economist, and to those acting under The Economist's authority, to use your name, picture, likeness, voice, biographical information and statements for promotional purposes without additional compensation, in all media now known or hereafter discovered, worldwide and on the Internet and World Wide Web, without notice, review or approval.

**Eligibility**

• The Competition is open to persons between the ages of 16 and 25 inclusive, except for employees of The Economist or its affiliated companies and professional advisors, their immediate families, and anyone professionally connected with the Competition.

• If you are under the age of 18 or are classed as a minor wherever you reside, you must obtain written parental or guardian consent to enter and to claim your prize. The Economist may ask the winner to provide proof of age and/or parental consent.

• In entering the Competition, you confirm that you are eligible to do so and eligible to claim any prize you may win. The Economist may require you to provide proof that you are eligible to enter the competition.

• Only one entry per person is permitted per category (ie, Borders, Ideas, Markets, Societies and Progress), and you may not enter the same or similar essay in more than one category.  Entries via third parties and automated entries are not permitted.

• No purchase is necessary.

• Entries not submitted in accordance with these terms and all other rules and directions given by The Economist, or entries that are incomplete or illegible (as determined in our sole discretion) will not be eligible.

**Prize and judging**

• A judging panel of at least five people will be established for each category, comprising a number of Economist journalists as well as other persons. A subset of that panel will be responsible for shortlisting what it judges in its discretion to be the best entries, and the panel will then choose the winner from that shortlist.

• There is no alternative prize or cash alternative and prizes cannot be transferred to any other person. We may alter arrangements or prizes should this be deemed necessary by us. Prizes are not transferable.

• The decision of the judging panel is final, and at its sole discretion. No correspondence or discussion will be entered into by us in relation to that decision.

• Winners will be announced on or about August 30th, 2018.

• The winners will be notified (by email, post or phone, using contact details provided with the entry) within 21 days of the closing date.

• We will make all reasonable efforts to contact the winners. If any winner cannot be contacted or is not available, or has not claimed his or her prize within 10 days of the announcement date, The Economist reserves the right to offer the prize to the next eligible entrant selected from the correct entries that were received before the closing date.

• We may ask you to provide documentary proof or your identity and/or address before award of the prize. The use of a false name or address will disqualify you from receiving any prize.

**Use of your information**

• We will use any personal information that you give us in accordance with the law and our privacy policy at: <http://www.economistgroup.com/privacy>, for the purposes of the Competition, in the ways described in these terms and conditions, and for any marketing or other purposes you may indicate your consent to.  We may also share your details with our service providers and agents for the purposes of providing prizes on our behalf, and any sponsors or Competition partners involved in this Competition.

• We will disclose the names and countries of the winners on request from a third party. Their names, counties and countries will be available from The Economist at the address provided above on receipt of a stamped, addressed envelope for a period of three months after draw date.

• If you have any questions or concerns about the use of your personal information please contact us by email at dataprivacy@economist.com.

General

• We are not liable for any damage, loss or disappointment suffered by you taking part or not being able to take part in this Competition, or from being unable to claim your prize or otherwise participate in the relevant Open Future event.

• Insofar as is permitted by law, The Economist, its agents or distributors will not in any circumstances be responsible or liable to compensate the winner or accept any liability for any loss, damage, personal injury or death occurring as a result of taking up a prize except where it is caused by the negligence of The Economist, its agents or distributors or that of their employees. Your statutory rights are not affected.

• In the event of unforeseen circumstances, we may alter, amend or foreclose the Competition without prior notice.  We reserve the right to change these terms at any time. The Competition is void wherever prohibited by law.

• These terms are governed by English law you submit to the jurisdiction of the English courts.