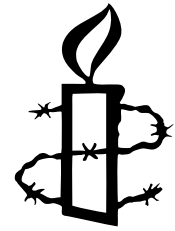
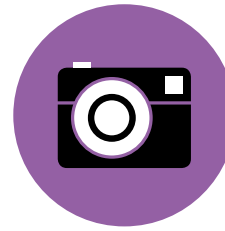


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YOUTH AWARDS 2016

PHOTOGRAPHY



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We aim to find the best photographs that highlight and/or celebrate human rights in the UK. To give you an idea, your photo could be about bullying, discrimination, refugees or poverty, or could celebrate difference and diversity in your community. For a full list of human rights, resources and inspiration, please visit www.amnesty.org.uk/youthawards

Your photo can be of a real situation or it can be staged. You should send a paragraph (no more than 100 words) explaining what your photo is of, how you took it (what medium), what human rights issue is being explored, and whether the photo has been edited. This information may help the judges to better understand and appreciate your photograph – but we will judge the photo rather than the writing.

Please do not edit text into your photo. We find this distracts from the image.

COMPETITION CATEGORIES

The photography strand is divided into two age categories.

Younger students enter:

- **Upper Primary and Lower Secondary**
(Years 3-9 in England and Wales, Years 4-10 in Northern Ireland and Primary 3-7 and Secondary 1-2 in Scotland)

Older students enter:

- **Upper Secondary and FE**
(Years 10-13 in England and Wales, Years 11-14 in Northern Ireland and Secondary 3-6 in Scotland)

There will be one winner for each age group in each category.

JUDGING CRITERIA

Judges will be looking for photographs that:

- are compelling, arouse interest and inspire people to take action;
- communicate a UK human rights story effectively;
- show creativity.

You can take your photograph on a mobile phone or any digital camera, or you can scan and send us a photo you've taken on a film camera. Judges will not consider the quality of the equipment you use, but will instead focus on your skill in choosing and presenting your photograph. They are looking for a powerful image that tells a human rights story.

GETTING CONSENT

You must ensure that you have the consent (permission) of any individuals who can be clearly identified in your entry. If you are shortlisted we will ask you to send the correct completed consent forms to us. You must also let people featured in your photo know that it will be submitted to this national competition and may be published.

Please refer to the consent forms, FAQs and competition rules for more information on the consent you will need to provide with your entries. All of these can be found at www.amnesty.org.uk/youthawards

If you are shortlisted we will notify you and you will need to send the relevant completed consent forms to us.

Download the Rules for the photography strand at www.amnesty.org.uk/youthawards

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SAFETY

Professional photographers sometimes take great risks in order to take ground-breaking photos. But we don't want you to do the same. Make sure that you always consider your safety first and the safety of others when planning and taking your photographs. Tell your parents/teachers about your plans and ask them to accompany you when taking the photograph. You might want to ask them to help you when completing the consent forms too. Please also consider whether you are putting anyone at risk because they are identifiable in any materials you have included and make sure you have asked permission.

ETHICS

We will not accept photographs that show degrading images of people, especially young people, in a way that makes them vulnerable to abuse or disrespect. Any photograph submitted must be respectful of peoples' human rights. Your entry must be your own, individual work.

ENTERING THE COMPETITION

All award entries should be submitted using the online entry form at www.amnesty.org.uk/youthawards

Photos must be uploaded as JPEGs. The file must be less than 10MB. Please ask your teacher or parent/guardian to complete the entry form for or with you – they will need to indicate on the form that the necessary consent forms have been received.

The closing date for all entries is 5pm on 24 February 2016. The judges' decision will be announced on or before 6 May 2016.

PRIZES

There will be a winner and two runners-up in each category. Winners will receive an Amnesty Youth Awards 2016 trophy, certificate and a goody bag. Runners-up will receive a certificate and a goody bag. All of the winners and runners-up will be invited on a day trip to London for a ceremony at AIUK's offices.

Please note: attendees must make their own travel arrangements and pay for the cost of this. An access fund may be available to support those travelling long distances and/or who are unable to cover their own travel costs in full.

All entrants will receive a certificate of participation.

THE PURPOSE OF THESE GUIDELINES

These guidelines are intended to provide general information only. Before submitting your entry please read the official Rules of the competition at www.amnesty.org.uk/youthawards

CHILD PROTECTION POLICY

All photographic, recorded material and written entries will be screened for child protection and safeguarding purposes. If an entry contains troubling content AIUK may take steps to safeguard the entrant and anyone potentially affected by the content. Such steps may include taking advice from the NSPCC, contacting the entrant or person who submitted the entry on their behalf, and referring the matter to the relevant authorities and/or child protection officer.