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Rules for entries

1. The following terms and conditions ('Rules') and the online entry form and consent forms referred to in them apply to all entries to the reporting strand of Amnesty Youth Awards 2016 (this strand is generally referred to in these Rules as the 'Award' unless otherwise stated. If you are entering another strand of the Amnesty Youth Awards 2016 please save and read the rules for that strand).
2. If you wish to enter the Award please print off these Rules or save them for future reference. By entering the Award, you agree to be bound by these Rules. If you do not agree to these Rules you cannot enter the Award.
3. The Promoter of the Award is Amnesty International UK ('AIUK') whose address is The Human Rights Action Centre, 17-25 New Inn Yard, London EC2A 3EA.
4. AIUK is promoting the Award in association with our sponsors including SOAS: University of London (SOAS) and the People's Postcode Lottery (PPL). References to 'we' and 'our' in these Rules may include AIUK and some or all of these organisations.
5. The Award is a series of competitions open to anyone who lives in the United Kingdom aged 7-19.

The reporting strand is divided into four age categories:

- (a) **Upper Primary** (pupils in Year 3 to 6 in England and Wales, Primary 3 to 7 in Scotland, and Year 4 to 7 in Northern Ireland)
- (b) **Lower Secondary** (pupils in Year 7 to 9 in England and Wales, Secondary 1 to 2 in Scotland, and Year 8 to 10 in Northern Ireland)
- (c) **Upper Secondary** (pupils in Year 10 to 11 in England and Wales, Secondary 3 to 4 in Scotland, and Year 11 to 12 in Northern Ireland) and
- (d) **FE** (pupils in Year 12 to 13 in England and Wales, Secondary 5 to 6 in Scotland, and Year 13 to 14 in Northern Ireland).

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

6. To enter the Award, you should write an article on the theme of human rights. This could either be from your experience (eg bullying, being a refugee), your interpretation of a news story, or a celebration of human rights and those who stand up for them. We expect the information included to be factually accurate. Your article must not exceed 500 words in length.

7. If you are 18 or over, to enter the Award you must fill in the online entry form on the AIUK website at www.amnesty.org.uk/youthawards. If you are shortlisted and you are 18 or over you will also have to complete and return a Contributor Consent Form.

If you are under 18, to enter the Award your teacher or parent or guardian must fill in the online entry form on the AIUK website at www.amnesty.org.uk/youthawards. If you are shortlisted and you are under 18, your parent or guardian will also have to complete and return a Parental Consent Form.

8. If entering the Award, please follow the guidelines at www.amnesty.org.uk/youthawards. You must not endanger yourself or others, take any unnecessary risks or break the law in order to produce or make any materials to be submitted to this Award.
9. You are responsible for the costs (if any) of creating and submitting your entry. We take no responsibility for entries which are lost, delayed, misdirected or incomplete or which are not entered for any technical or other reason.
10. Your entry will not be returned to you so you should make sure that you have a copy of it before submitting it.
11. When submitting your entry, you (or if you are under 18 your teacher, parent or guardian) must provide your full name, date of birth, school name and school contact details (address and postcode). We will only use this information for administrative purposes relating to your entry to the Award and for the following reasons:

(a) in relation to the Award, including checking your eligibility to enter;

(b) unless you (or if you are under 18, your parent or guardian) have specifically requested that your entry remains anonymous, for identifying you and stating your age on the AIUK website (www.amnesty.org.uk) as the author of your entry. If your entry is submitted on an anonymous basis, we will only refer to your age. Please note that anyone who has access to these websites (for example other schools and entrants) will be able to see information published on these websites;

(c) in relation to the running of the Award we are using Keystone Conference and Event Management Limited. By submitting an entry to the Award you consent to AIUK sharing with Keystone any personal information included with the entry. Keystone are only able to process information on our behalf and in accordance with our instructions and not for any other purpose; and

(d) to communicate with you to arrange recognition (and if agreed, publicity) and to inform you about appropriate AIUK campaigns and human rights education work. You can opt

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out of receiving information about other AIUK campaigns and human rights education work on the online entry form or at any time after by emailing amnestyyouthawards@keystone-group.co.uk and requesting removal from our mailing list.

12. If you wish to participate in the Award but you (or if you are under 18, your parent or guardian) do not wish to be identified personally or take part in publicity for the Award identified, you must indicate this clearly on the applicable consent form. This will not affect how your entry is judged. We will respect your right to privacy.
13. Only individuals may be considered for awards in the reporting strand. Entries on behalf of another person and joint or team entries in this strand will not be valid.
14. The closing date for entries to the Award is Wednesday 24 February 2016. We must receive your entry to the Award by 5pm. Entries received after that date and time will not be valid.
15. Employees or agents of AIUK, SOAS or PPL, and their group companies or their family members may not enter the Award, nor may anyone else connected with the creation or administration of the Award.
16. Your entry must:
 - (a) be your own work and must not be copied. You confirm that you own the copyright to your entry as its author;
 - (b) not contain any content that you do not have permission to use;
 - (c) factually accurate; and
 - (d) not be obscene, defamatory, offensive, inappropriate or breach any relevant laws or regulations (including any obligation of privacy or confidence).

If AIUK has reason to believe your entry breaches this paragraph 16, or if a person objects to the inclusion of a photo in which they are featured or their personal story being included in an entry to the Award, then your entry may be withdrawn.

All 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.

PICKING THE WINNERS

17. A panel of judges (including representatives of one or more of the following organisations: AIUK, SOAS and PPL, and at least one independent judge) will choose four winning entries (one Upper Primary, one Lower Secondary, one Upper Secondary and one FE) and eight runners-up (two Upper Primary, two Lower Secondary, two Upper Secondary and two FE) from a shortlist of up to 40 entries (up to 10 each for each of the four age categories)

Details of the judges will be provided on request.

The judges' decision will be announced on or before 6 May 2016. The judges' decision is final and no correspondence will be entered into.

JUDGING CRITERIA

18. For the reporting strand, the winning entries will be those that the judges think best meet the following criteria:

(a) Upper Primary and Lower Secondary entries:

Content: The chosen subject is interesting and about an issue that resonates. The information is factually accurate and clearly explained.

Language and style: The article uses language effectively to engage interest. The headline will be eye-catching, and the article will be structured with a strong opening paragraph and clear conclusion. Direct speech (quotes) and indirect speech may be used.

Analysis/opinion: The article analyses rather than just describes, helping to increase the reader's understanding

(b) Upper Secondary and FE entries:

The same criteria as for Upper Primary and Lower Secondary entries, and also:

Sources: The article shows evidence of drawing on different sources, including quotes and statistics where relevant. Sources may be referenced (references to be included in the word count).

PUBLISHING OF AWARDS ENTRIES

19. By submitting your entry you agree that we may publish your entry in some or all of the following ways:
 - any competition entry may be published by AIUK on its website as and when it receives that entry;
 - winners' and runners-ups' entries may be published by our sponsors including SOAS and PPL on their websites and published, reproduced and made available in other news and media channels and platforms, and by AIUK on a designated Award section of its website (at a URL to be confirmed) from 24 February 2016;
 - winners' entries may be published by AIUK in its quarterly magazine Amnesty Magazine and any other Amnesty International publications, along with the other shortlisted entries.

In all of the above circumstances winners' names will be printed with their entries unless you (or, if you are under 18, your parent or guardian) have not given consent for the printing of your name.

Any of these may be published at a later date if we need to delay publication for any reason.

20. Winners' and runners-ups' entries will be highlighted at the Amnesty International Media Awards 2016. If you (or if you are under 18, your parent or guardian) have consented, this may include naming you as the author of your entry, and showing a short film which includes you and your entry.
21. We may want to use a photograph of any or all of the authors of the short-listed entries to accompany any of the activities explained in paragraphs 19 and 20. If we do (and if you have consented or, if you are under 18, your parent or guardian has consented), we may ask you to send us a photograph of yourself, or we may arrange for a photographer to come to your school and take a photograph of you (and we will arrange a time for this with you and your school).

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22. If your Award entry is shortlisted by the judges and if you, your school and (if you are under 18) your parent or guardian agree, we may contact members of the local press to try to arrange local media coverage about your entry.
23. You will own the copyright to your Award entry as its author subject to our right to use your entry in accordance with these Rules.
24. By submitting an entry to the Award (and providing appropriate consent in respect of the use of your name and image where applicable), you give AIUK:
 - permission for your entry to be published in the ways explained in paragraphs 19 and 20, and grant us a non-exclusive, royalty-free, worldwide licence to republish your entry in all formats and media (including electronic format and physical print copy) for all purposes connected with the Award. You also acknowledge and agree that we may reproduce your Award entry on our respective websites free of charge in perpetuity as part of our archive service;
 - (unless you or your parent or guardian have not consented) the right to use your full name, age, school name and/or town or city of residence for the sole purpose of identifying you as the author of your entry;
 - where winners and runners-up (and if they are under 18 their parents or guardians) consent to media and publicity work filming and photographs, AIUK and its sponsors will also have the right to reproduce and publicise their names and images worldwide in all formats and media including in publications, websites, products and programmes.
25. You agree that AIUK may cut, edit, crop or arrange your Award entry as it thinks fit to appear on its website, and in AIUK's *Amnesty Magazine*, and may remove your Award entry from its website at any time. We may also cut, edit, crop or otherwise alter your entry as we think fit (including in the ways set out in paragraph 43 below) if we have reason to believe it breaches any third party rights (including any copyright or right of privacy) or other law or regulation. You hereby waive any so-called 'moral' rights which you may have in your entry for the purposes of this paragraph and you agree not to make any claim based on such rights in connection with the use of your entry in accordance with the Rules.

GETTING APPROPRIATE CONSENTS FOR YOUR ENTRY TO THE AWARDS

26. To enter the Award, you must provide us with the appropriate consent forms when requested by us. If you are shortlisted we will notify you and you will then need to send the correct completed consent forms to us. Please also read the guidance and FAQs provided at www.amnesty.org.uk/youthawards carefully for more information about consents to make sure you know what consents you need to provide with your entry.
27. AIUK reserves the right to disqualify any entry if appropriate consents are not provided for it.
28. You should check with your parent, guardian or teacher that they are happy for you to enter the Award based on these Rules before you enter.
29. Entrants who are under 18 must submit a Parental Consent Form completed by their parent or guardian in order for their entry to be valid and (if they wish) to participate in publicity for the Award. Entrants who are 18 or over will need to complete and send us the Contributor Consent Form.

THE PRIZES

30. The winners of each age category in the reporting strand will each receive:
 - an AIUK goody bag;
 - an Award trophy from the Amnesty International Youth Awards 2016
31. The runners-up from each age category in the reporting strand will each receive:
 - an AIUK goody bag;
 - a certificate from the Amnesty International Youth Awards 2016

All of the winners and runners-up will be invited to a day trip to London for a ceremony at AIUK's offices.
32. Invitations to the ceremony will be sent after 24 February 2016. If a winner is unable to come to London on the specified date, an alternative date/visit will not be offered. However, the winner will still receive the rest of their prize. Each winner must be accompanied by either a teacher or a parent/guardian if they are under 18 years of age on 24 February 2016.
33. Attendees must make their own travel arrangements to London on the specified date 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. For more details please contact the Youth Awards Team at amnestyyouthawards@keystone-group.co.uk. You must pay all other costs associated with the prize and not specifically included in the prize, including spending money.
34. The prizes cannot be exchanged or transferred and cannot be redeemed for cash or any other prizes.
35. AIUK will substitute the prizes with other prizes of similar value in the event that the original prizes offered are not available at the time of the Awards ceremony.

SOME OTHER RULES

36. Details of the winners and runners-up may be obtained by sending a stamped addressed envelope to the following address: Youth Awards Team, Human Rights Action Centre, 17-25 New Inn Yard, London EC2A 3EA.
37. No purchase is necessary to enter the Award.
38. Any complaints regarding the Award should be sent to Amnesty International UK whose address is The Human Rights Action Centre, 17-25 New Inn Yard, London EC2A 3EA.
39. In the absence of negligence SOAS, PPL and AIUK accept no responsibility for any damage, loss, liabilities, injury or disappointment incurred or suffered by you as a result of entering the Awards or accepting the prize including for any injury, loss or damage to you or any other person's computer relating to or resulting from participation in or downloading any materials in connection with the Award.
40. AIUK reserves the right at any time and from time to time to modify or discontinue or temporarily or permanently suspend the Awards with or without prior notice due to reasons outside its control (including, without limitation, in the case of anticipated, suspected or actual fraud). The decision of AIUK in all matters under its control is final and binding.
41. AIUK shall not be liable for any failure to comply with its obligations where the failure is caused by something outside its reasonable control. Such circumstances shall include, but

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not be limited to, weather conditions, fire, flood, hurricane, strike, industrial dispute, war, hostilities, political unrest, riots, civil commotion, inevitable accidents, supervening legislation or any other circumstances amounting to force majeure.

42. AIUK will abide by its own best practice guidelines when considering data protection and child protection issues in the administration of these Awards. For further details about these guidelines, please email **amnestyyouthawards@keystone-group.co.uk**.
43. AIUK reserves the right to edit entries to comply with our Child Protection Policy, including, but not limited to, the changing of names within an entry to protect the identities of featured persons.
44. AIUK reserves the right to disqualify any entry which breaches any of these Rules or raises child protection concerns.
45. The Rules are governed by English law. If any disagreement arises out of them or the Award that cannot be amicably resolved, and you wish to take court proceedings, you must do so within the United Kingdom.