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**ENVIRONMENTALIST**  
**COMPETITION**

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## Theme of Waste Minimisation

### Introduction

The Rotary Young Environmentalist Competition is a new competition organised and promoted by Rotary International in Great Britain and Ireland (RotaryGBI).

There are three stages to the competition, each designed to support and encourage the development of environmental skills. Some stages may have more than one round.

### Aims and Objectives

The competition aims to encourage young people to:

- interact with the environment
- address serious environmental issues
- develop and explore solutions to the issues
- explore, investigate, research and undertake an environmental sustainability project

### Who can take part?

The competition is open to all schools and college communities and those who are home educated, along with any other young peoples' community organisations, for example, community RotaKids, community Interact, Scout Groups, Girl Guides, Sea Cadets, Air Cadets etc.

There are three age groups:

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

Entrants must not exceed the upper age parameter for each group on 31 August 2019.

With the age qualifying date of 31st August 2019, 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 who may be 17 on 31st August but turns 18 on 1<sup>st</sup> September is allowed to enter. **Competitors must include their age on the application form.**

**Students should enter the competition organised by the local Rotary club through their respective group, as detailed above.**

Competitors, schools, colleges, and organisations may participate in competitions organised by a Rotary club or district outside of their geographical boundary but may compete in only one club/district event.

There are two categories in the competition;

- Individual entry open to all categories, Junior, Intermediate and Senior.
- Group entry (maximum of four participants) open to Junior and Intermediate categories only

## The Three Stages of the Competition

### Local Heats

This is organised by the Rotary Club of Grays Thurrock between September and December (**closing date Friday 10<sup>th</sup> January**). The winners of each age group are entered into a district competition.

### District Competitions

These are organised by Rotary between January and February. The winners of each age group are entered into the national final.

### National Final

This is organised by Rotary UK and run in March.

The dates for local heats and district competitions will be determined locally. For the local heat the closing date is **Friday 10th January**.

## Competition Guidelines

### Purpose

To engage young people to interact with the environment, address serious issues, and develop and explore solutions to the problems.

### Objectives

To encourage young people to explore, investigate, research and undertake an environmental sustainability project on the theme of Waste Minimisation.

Topics with this theme could include recycling, plastic pollution, litter abatement, micro-plastic contamination, reduction in the need for, and reuse of materials, issues where other criteria are paramount such as sterilisation needs in medical applications, etc.

The project undertaken should raise awareness to a particular problem within the given topic area and inspire action to respond to the growing awareness of the problem.

For instance, actions in response to the growing awareness of plastic pollution in the environment would come from understanding the properties of plastics and why they are so widely used, and in the way in which they create problems for wildlife and humans. The response would also include ways to control the problem by exploring solutions.

### Task

Select a topic and undertake some research and exploration into the current magnitude of the problem. They may work on projects on their own or as part of a group of not more than 4 people.

Decide and develop their own ideas while undertaking the project and offering solutions.

The project could be approached from different angles and perspectives.

Projects could also seek methods by which existing solutions can be implemented. Possible projects could include one or more topics such as:

- Recycling isn't a panacea (identify ways to reduce or reuse)
- Reducing the amount of raw material consumed
- Developing new up-cycled products from recyclates
- Turning waste into useful objects
- Tackling the problems associated with Fast Fashion
- Exploring innovative ways of using plastic

- Benchmarking the magnitude of problem in local area (e.g. how much waste is generated in the home, school, or community)
- Analysing secondary statistical data on waste from Official Publications
- Obtaining photographic evidence of litter in the environment.

These are just some ideas; students are encouraged to develop their own projects within the general theme of Waste Minimisation.

Students in the older age group are encouraged to explore and develop new concepts other than those regularly reported in the popular press.

## Outcomes

Young people should engage with the Environment and identify current issues.

Projects should be eye catching, present a balanced viewpoint exhibiting understanding of the environmental problem, and showcase a solution or suggest an innovative new idea for solving the environmental issue.

## Presentation

The project is to be presented in the student's or group's chosen format.

These could include:

- Written and illustrated submissions
- Photographic or artistic presentations
- Audio or video reports
- A tangible product such as an App for smart phone
- Interactive conversations or creative movement

Written reports should be well illustrated and be no more than 1000 words long.

Poster displays should be A3 or A4 size in colour or black and white with images and text.

## Judging Criteria

### *Evidence and Research*

The project must demonstrate that exploration and some research has been undertaken.

### *Effectiveness*

The aims of the project must clearly be stated, and outcomes must be capable of assessment and demonstrate sustainability.

### *Innovative*

New concepts and ideas are valuable and will be recognized.

### *Adaptability*

The project should be capable of replication by others based on the information provided.

### *Beneficiaries*

What is the benefit of the project? Enumerate the benefit to the Community. Is it potentially cost effective in the long term?

### *Lessons Learnt*

What have been the problems? What has been discovered are the solutions adequate? How can it be improved?

### *Presentation*

How much information has been given? Is it imaginative and eye catching? What is the impact? Is it easy to follow and understand? What is the quality of the content?

### *Evidence of Teamwork*

If undertaken in a group, what is the evidence of teamwork?

### **Prizes**

At all stages of the competition, competitors will receive a certificate of participation.

### **How to enter**

To enter the Thurrock heat, contact the Grays Thurrock Rotary Club at [youngenvironmentalist@rotaryclubofgraysthurrock.co.uk](mailto:youngenvironmentalist@rotaryclubofgraysthurrock.co.uk). Entrants are required to complete an entry form and submit it along with their entries, to the stage organiser by the time specified (local heat closing date **Friday 10th January**).

### **Rotary Youth Competitions**

This Young Environmentalist Competition is one of eleven competitions for young people organised by Rotary International in Britain and Ireland. The others are: Young Artist, Young Chef, Youth Debate, Young Filmmaker, Young Musician, Young Photographer, Young Scientist, Young Writer, Young Citizen Awards and the Technology Tournaments. To find out more about these competitions and other opportunities please contact the Rotary Club of Grays Thurrock in the first instance at [www.graysthurrockrotary.org.uk](http://www.graysthurrockrotary.org.uk)

### **Working with Children**

Rotary International in Great Britain and Ireland has adopted this statement of policy in working with children, vulnerable adults 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 2019/2020

Please read the Rotary Young Environmentalist Information Pack before completing this form. By signing this form, you confirm you have read, understood and agreed to the contents of the Information Pack and Privacy Notice below. Please return this form to the **competition organiser** at [youngenvironmentalist@rotaryclubofgraysthurrock.co.uk](mailto:youngenvironmentalist@rotaryclubofgraysthurrock.co.uk) by **Friday 10th January**

Entrant's Name: (please type or use CAPITAL letters)	Age on 31 <sup>st</sup> Aug 2019:
School/College/Organisation (if applicable):	Please tick category being entered: Junior <input type="checkbox"/> Intermediate <input type="checkbox"/> Senior <input type="checkbox"/>

### Entrant's Contact Details

(only to be completed by Entrant if they are 18 years of age at the time of signing this form)

Entrant's Email:	Entrant's Tel No:
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### Parent/Guardian Contact Details

(only to be completed by Parent/Guardian if Entrant is a minor, under the age of 18 years of age at the time of signing this form)

Parent/Guardian's Email:	Parent/Guardian's Tel No:
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### Rotary Details

Sponsored by Rotary Club of: <b>Grays Thurrock</b>	District Number: <b>1240</b>
Rotarian Contact Name <b>Nick Heath:</b>	Email: <a href="mailto:youngenvironmentalist@rotaryclubofgraysthurrock.co.uk">youngenvironmentalist@rotaryclubofgraysthurrock.co.uk</a>
	Tel No: 07831 435619
Please tick a box to indicate the stage for this entry:-	
<input type="checkbox"/> Local	

Entrants under the age of 18 when this form is completed, must get a parent/guardian signature to give permission for the following (if the Entrant is 18 years of age when this form is completed, they are giving permission themselves):-

- a. for the named Entrant to take part and be identified in the competition.
- b. for the information on this form to be used for all stages of the competition (should the Entrant progress), and shared in accordance with the Privacy Notice with appropriate competition organisers at each stage.
- c. for Rotary, District or Club Public Relations Officers to make contact with the parent/guardian/entrant (where over 18 years of age) to discuss public relations opportunities.

By signing this form, you are also acknowledging that you have read and agree to the Privacy Notices referred to on page 2 of this form in respect of the use of personal information. In addition, I agree for photographic/video records to be taken and used by the Rotary Club of Grays Thurrock for publicity purposes in printed, electronic and online formats.

<b>*Parent/Guardian/Entrant (Print Name):</b>	<b>**Signature:</b>	<b>Date:</b>
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*\*delete as appropriate*

*\*\*Entrant may only sign this form if they are 18 years of age on the date the Entry Form is signed*

## Privacy Notice – Youth Competitions

*[For the purpose of this privacy notice, Rotary International in Great Britain & Ireland (RIBI) also includes Rotary clubs and districts and their members. The use of the term ‘you’, ‘your’ also means that of your child where the competition Entrant is a minor, i.e. under the age of 18 years].*

Members of Rotary International in Great Britain and Ireland (“we”) value the trust you put in us to process your personal information and will always be open and honest about the information we collect and how we will use it. We will never do anything with your personal information that you wouldn’t reasonably expect us to in relation to the Youth Competitions and we will always take every effort to protect your privacy.

The RIBI Privacy Notice is available on our website, [www.rotarygbi.org](http://www.rotarygbi.org), and explains how we collect, process and share personal information. This ‘Privacy Notice – Youth Competitions’ is supplementary to the general RIBI Privacy Notice and explains in more detail how you can expect your personal information to be specifically used in relation to the Youth Competition events.

### How we use your personal information for Youth Competitions

1. We are collecting your personal information (and that of your child if a minor) for the organisation and administration of the youth competitions only, it will not be used for any other purpose.
2. Club, District or Rotary Public Relations Officers may use your personal information to make contact with you to discuss public relation opportunities and will gain your specific consent at that time for the use of your information, such as photographs/interviews for newspaper articles, club or district websites etc. Where the entrant is a minor only the parent/guardian will be contacted.

### Providing your personal information to others for Youth Competitions

3. The personal information will only be shared with others that require it for their role/the services they provide for the organisation and administration of the youth competition events. Initially, this will be at club level competitions but should an entrant progress to district or national levels of the competition, the information will also be shared with those relevant organisers.
4. Depending on the Youth Competition, it may be necessary to share some of your information with third parties such as providers of venue hire and catering services. Under such circumstances only the minimum amount of information for the third-party service will be provided, i.e. for caterers, only the name and allergy/special dietary requirement will be disclosed, no other information.
5. Those individuals and organisations that have access to the personal information are also bound by the RIBI Privacy Notice.

### Retaining and deleting your personal information

6. All reasonable steps will be taken by those concerned to ensure the personal information they have access to is kept securely and will not be shared with anyone who does not have a legitimate reason to have access to it in relation to the organisation and administration of the competitions.
7. For all youth competitions, personal information will be kept on file for 3 months after the date of the National Final for that specific competition. After this date, the information will be securely destroyed (either by shredding, incineration or deletion from electronic devices) at club, district and national level. This timeframe is necessary to allow for any disputes to be settled before the personal information is destroyed.

By signing the front of this form, you are acknowledging that you have read and agree to the Privacy Notices in respect of the use of personal information for yourself (and your child, where applicable).