



Rotary Club Of Grays Thurrock

INFORMATION PACK

2024-25

Rotary **YOUNG** **PHOTOGRAPHER** **COMPETITION**



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THEME – ‘WONDERFUL WATER’

The ‘Wonderful Water’ Theme can be interpreted as broadly as the Young Photographer wishes and does not need to conform to the dictionary definition of the word. It is intended to give young people the widest opportunity to share their creative talents in showing us what it means to them.

Introduction

The Young Photographer Competition is a well-established and successful 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 photographic skills. Some stages may have more than one round.

Aims and Objectives

The competition aims to encourage young people to:

- experiment with photography
- use digital and/or traditional methods of photography
- demonstrate interpretation of the topic
- express ideas through the medium of photography

Who can take part?

The competition is open to all Thurrock schools and colleges and those home-educated, along with community organisations (e.g. Scout Groups, Girl Guides, Sea and Air Cadets, etc) and other young people living in the Borough of Thurrock.

There are three age groups:

Junior:	Up to and including 10 years old
Intermediate:	11 to 13 years old
Senior:	14 to 17 years old

Entrants must **not** be over the upper age parameter for each group on 31 August 2024. 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 1st September is allowed to enter. **Competitors must include their age on the application form.**

Competitors, schools, colleges, and organisations may participate in a competition held in a Rotary club/district outside of the borough of Thurrock but may compete in only one club/district event.

The Three Stages of the Competition

Local Heats

This local heat is organised by the 'Rotary Club of Grays Thurrock'.

Entrants need to complete and attach the correct entry form to their photograph and submit them to the event organiser, at youngphotographer@rotaryclubofgraysthurrock.co.uk by **Thursday 13th February 2025**. The results of this local competition will be published on our website, www.graysthurrockrotary.org.uk as soon as possible after the closing date.

The winners' work from our Thurrock wide event will be entered into the **Rotary District 1240 Competition** which is organised during March 2025. The winners of the district competition will then be entered into the **Rotary in Great Britain and Ireland National Final**. The results of this final will be available in May 2025.

Competition Guidelines

Task

To produce one photograph based upon the theme, '**Wonderful Water**'. The photograph must be submitted via Digital Format (preferably jpg format) individually and to be at least 1500 pixel in size on the longest length. Mobile Phones may be used in addition to cameras.

Each entrant MUST provide a brief sentence describing the relationship of the artwork to the theme. This sentence must be entered on the entry form in the applicable place. Failure to do so will mean the entry is ineligible and the entrant will be disqualified.

IMPORTANT RESTRICTIONS TO NOTE:

Please note that entries and supporting information sent electronically **MUST NOT EXCEED 15Mb per email** sent. Emails over this limit will not be received. Alternative options are to send the nomination and supporting information across several emails or contact Rotarian Derek Swan on youngphotographer@rotaryclubofgraysthurrock.co.uk to organise a file transfer option.

All photographs and videos of people under 18 years old must be accompanied by written permission/consent from the parent, guardian or carer of the person(s) photographed.

Judges

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

Judging Criteria

Judges will consider technical merit; content and composition; imagination and style.

Only in exceptional circumstances and at the sole discretion of the competition organiser, will correspondence or discussions be entered into following the competition. Entrants accept that in all respects the judge's decisions are final.

Plagiarism or Close Copied Images

Plagiarised or 'close-copied' images are not permitted in any competition. It is important that we protect the work of creative individuals. Whilst we are all inspired by the work of others, there is without doubt a grey area where inspiration carries over to close copying. For our competitions 'close copying' is where, to a reasonable person, the submitted entry appears remarkably similar in significant important respects to a body of work created elsewhere. We are looking for original pieces, not copies, which match the theme of the competition

Prizes

The Thurrock winners in all categories will receive a certificate and a trophy along with a £30 Amazon voucher.

The national winners will be given an opportunity to participate in a vocational experience with a professional photographer.

[How to enter the Thurrock Local Competition](#)

Entrants are required to complete an entry form and submit it with their photograph to the stage organiser at youngphotographer@rotaryclubofgraysthurrock.co.uk to **arrive no later than 13th February 2025**.

PLEASE NOTE:

Parents/Guardians may use the entry form to directly enter their child into this competition.

[Rotary Youth Competitions](#)

This Young Photographer competition is one of several competitions for young people organised by Rotary International in Britain and Ireland. The others are: Young Artist, Young Chef, Young Chef Workshop, Youth Debate, Young Environmentalist, Young Filmmaker, Young Musician, Young Writer, Young Scientist, Young Citizen Awards and the Technology Tournament, Youth Leadership Awards and Primary Athletics. To find out more about these competitions and other opportunities please contact 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.

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 take every effort to protect your privacy.

The RIBI Privacy Notice is available on our website, 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 the entry 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).

ENTRY CONDITION

Rotary respects your rights and does not claim copyright for works you submit to this contest. You will retain full copyright in each entry. In addition, your moral rights are respected. Whenever your work is published by **Rotary** (and its partners), you will be credited. Failure to publish a credit due to error or oversight shall not be deemed a breach of this condition.

By entering this contest, you agree that any (winning or shortlisted) work you submit may be used by **Rotary** (and its partners) solely for marketing and promotional purposes of this contest or future contests and for no other purpose.

You hereby grant **Rotary** a non-exclusive, irrevocable license in each entry throughout the world in all media for the issues described above for **3** years following the date of announcement of the winners.

Rotary organisers will do their best to look after your photographs but, by entering this competition, I accept that the organisers cannot be held responsible for any damage or loss to them.

Please note that photographs of people under 18 years old must be accompanied by written permission from the parent, guardian, carer or teacher for those in boarding school, of the person(s) photographed.

ENTRY FORM 2024/2025

Please read the Rotary Young Photographer 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. **Please return this completed form to youngphotographer@rotaryclubofgraysthurrock.co.uk along with your photograph by 13th February 2025.**

Important Notice: Please note that photographs of people under 18 years old must be accompanied by written permission/consent from the parent, guardian or carer of the person(s) photographed.

Entrant's Name: (please use CAPITAL letters)		Age on 31 st Aug 2024:	
School/College/Organisation:		Please tick category being entered: Junior <input type="checkbox"/> Intermediate <input type="checkbox"/> Senior <input type="checkbox"/>	
Camera/Mobile make & model			
Auxiliary lens and filters used (if applicable). Please state, whether or not the picture has been modified using editing software, such as Photoshop.			
Title of photograph with brief description of the relationship of the photograph to the 'Wonderful Water' theme.			

Parent/Guardian Contact Details (only to be completed by Parent/Guardian if Entrant is under the age of 18 years of age)

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

Sponsored by the Rotary Club of Grays Thurrock	District Number: 1240
Contact Rtn. Derek Swan	youngphotographer@rotaryclubofgraysthurrock.co.uk

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):-

- for the named Entrant to take part and be identified in the competition.
- 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.
- for Rotary, District or Club Public Relations Officers to make contact with the parent/guardian/entrant (where entrant is under 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 within this Information Pack in respect of the use of personal information. In addition, I agree with the Entry Conditions, that for photographic/video records to be taken and used by Rotary Club of Grays for publicity purposes in printed, electronic and online formats.

*Parent/Guardian/Entrant (Print Name):	**Signature:	Date:
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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