

RGS-IBG and Financial Times Essay Competition 2020



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The Royal Geographical Society (with IBG) and the Financial Times are pleased to announce the launch of our School Essay Competition. We are seeking thoughtful and well-argued responses from sixth form geography students for this joint competition.

The winning essay will be published on the RGS-IBG's website www.rgs.org and may also be published on FT.com.

Competition details are as follows:

Title

What is the geographical story behind a chosen set or sets of data?

Guidance

Use FT for Schools and other sources to find data that will help you to tell a story about sustainability and climate change. Your story should be based around the COP-26 2021 aims 'to increase climate ambition, build resilience and lower emissions'. You should consider a variety of scales – from local to global.

Format and requirements

- a clear essay or [ArcGIS StoryMap](#) which is well-evidenced and reaches a clear conclusion
- submissions should not exceed 1000 words
- you should provide referenced sources of information and data
- submissions must be your own work

This competition is open to sixth form geography students aged 16-18 who are registered to study A Level Geography or equivalent in Year 12 or 13 on the closing date. Sorry, it is not open to 16-year-old GCSE level students who will be in Year 11 in September 2020.

Submissions should be sent to edusadmin@rgs.org no later than 30 September 2020. There will be one overall winner and up to five highly commended awards. We will aim to announce the award winners on the competition webpage around mid-October 2020. Please do not email us to ask for details or exact timescales before the results are published online.

All submissions must include the following information in the body of the email:

Name of student

Contact email, if different to the one used for submission

School name and address

Name of geography teacher and email

Geography course being studied (A Level / IB / Pre-U), including examination board

Age and year group on 30 September 2020 (must be 16-18, in Year 12 or 13)

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ArcGIS StoryMaps should be provided as a hyperlink in a PDF, with your name, a title and brief description less than 60 words in the document (not included in the overall word count). Essays should be provided as a PDF and include a title and your name in the document.

Typically, we do not expect attachments to exceed email size limits. Please email eduadmin@rgs.org if you are trying to send an attachment and you have received a 'exceeded maximum size' message or other delivery failure.

The decision of the judging panel is final.

You can find further information about sustainability and climate change using the RGS-IBG and FT for Schools online resources

- Financial Times [FT Free subscription for schools](#)
- Royal Geographical Society (with IBG) www.rgs.org/resources

The RGS-IBG is launching this competition in partnership with the Financial Times as part of its Education Programme to support geography teachers and their pupils. Your school can become a [School Member](#) of the RGS-IBG, and you and your pupils can join respectively as a [Fellow](#) or [Young Geographer](#)

Terms and Conditions

- By entering the competition, entrants agree to these terms and conditions. Failure to comply with these terms and conditions may result in disqualification.
- Entries must be in English and submitted by email, with the required accompanying information. There is a limit of one entry per student.
- The competition is open to sixth form geography students aged 16-18 who are registered to study A Level Geography or equivalent in Year 12 or 13 on the closing date.
- Employees and immediate family members of employees of the Royal Geographical Society (with IBG) (RGS-IBG) or The Financial Times Limited (FT), employees of FT's associated companies, professional advisers, advertising and promotional agencies or anyone else professionally associated with this competition are not eligible to enter.
- The competition closes on 30 September 2020 (17:00). Entries will not be accepted after this time.
- Entries will be judged by a panel of judges including representatives from the FT, Royal Geographical Society (with IBG) (RGS-IBG) and a third party. Details of the judging panel will be available on request. The judging panel will judge all valid entries submitted against the following criteria to select 'a Winner'. The judging criteria will include:
 - a clear essay or [ArcGIS StoryMap](#) which is well-evidenced and reaches a clear conclusion
 - submissions should not exceed 1000 words
 - you should provide referenced sources of information and data
 - submissions must be your own work and be relevant to the title and guidance
- The winner will receive a £50 Amazon voucher. The winner's entry will be published on the Royal Geographical Society (with IBG)'s website www.rgs.org and may also be published on

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- The judging panel's decisions are final, and binding, and no correspondence will be entered into.
- The winner will be notified around mid-October 2020 by email. If the winner cannot be contacted from the details supplied within 3 business days of notification, a replacement winner may be chosen at the Royal Geographical Society (with IBG)'s discretion and will then be notified. The original entry that was chosen will then be forfeited. The winner is responsible for providing valid contact details. The Royal Geographical Society (with IBG) will not be liable for any failure, delay or inability to contact the winner.
- The winner may be required to complete and return an eligibility form stating their age.
- There is no fee to enter the competition and no purchase is necessary to enter.
- No responsibility for late, incomplete, corrupt or lost entries will be accepted.
- The RGS-IBG and FT reserve the right to, at their absolute discretion, cancel, suspend, or vary the competition, or any part of it (including these Terms and Conditions), or vary the prize as required by the circumstances. RGS-IBG and FT reserve the right to disqualify any individual who has not complied with the letter or spirit of these Terms and Conditions. Any failure by RGS-IBG or FT to enforce any provision in these Terms and Conditions shall not constitute a waiver of that provision.
- Entrants warrant that their entries are not offensive, defamatory, libellous obscene, indecent, harassing or threatening or otherwise unlawful, and are unique, have not been plagiarised and do not infringe the intellectual property rights or any other rights of a third party. By entering the competition, entrants agree to hold RGS-IBG and FT harmless for any liability, damages or claims for injury or loss to any person or property, relating to, directly or indirectly, participation in this competition, or claims based on publicity rights, third party intellectual property rights, defamation or invasion of privacy.
- Entrants retain ownership over their entries. By submitting an entry, entrants grant to each of FT and the RGS-IBG a worldwide, perpetual, non-exclusive, sub-licensable, royalty-free licence to display, publish, transmit, copy, edit and use the entry in any media, in whole or in part, in any way they see fit, including, but not limited to, for publishing on www.rgs.org and on FT.com, without compensation to the entrant. Rights to edit copy where the publishers deem necessary is reserved although entrants will be fully credited.
- Exclusion of liability: FT and the RGS-IBG are not responsible for (i) any incorrect or inaccurate information used in connection with the competition; or (ii) failures or errors which may occur in the administration of the competition. To the fullest extent permitted by law, FT and the RGS-IBG exclude liability and entrants agree to release and hold harmless the RGS-IBG and FT for any damage, loss, liability or injury to person or property or for any claim arising as a result of your entry into the competition (save in the case of death or personal injury caused by the negligence of RGS-IBG or FT).
- Any personal data which may be submitted in an entry will be processed by RGS-IBG in accordance with any applicable data protection legislation and the RGS-IBG privacy statement (please see below).

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- These terms and conditions and the competition will be governed by English law and any disputes arising shall be subject to the exclusive jurisdiction of the English Courts.
- The promoter is the Royal Geographical Society (with IBG), 1 Kensington Gore, London, SW7 2AR.

Royal Geographical Society (with IBG) Privacy Statement: Student Essay Competition in partnership with the Financial Times

How we use your personal information

The Royal Geographical Society (with IBG) (RGS-IBG) takes its duty to process your personal data very seriously. This policy explains how we collect, manage, use and protect your personal data. Our full policy, updated to reflect the implementation of the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) in May 2018, can be found here <https://www.rgs.org/privacy-notice/>

Who are we?

The Royal Geographical Society (with IBG) is a charity registered in England and Wales (no. 208791) at 1 Kensington Gore, London SW7 2AR.

What personal data do we collect?

To enter this competition, you must provide us with some personal details including: your name, age, email address, school, and the name and email address of your teacher. We will be very clear with you if we wish to collect further information, such as date of birth, and include our reason for collecting such information.

Why do we need your personal data?

“Your information will be treated in the strictest of confidence and only used in connection with your competition entry provided to the RGS-IBG and The Financial Times. Your data will not be shared with any third parties. Details of winning entries will be published on our respective website and used in a press release, and also become part of the RGS-IBG’s historical archive.

Further details can be found here <https://www.rgs.org/privacy-notice/>”

What do we do with your personal data?

We will share your entry and some personal data with the Financial Times and our competition judges. These judges are selected by RGS-IBG and The FT. They require this data in order to review your entry. If we need to share your entries beyond these groups of people, we will anonymise your entry.

We hold your information only as long as necessary for the purpose of completing the activity for which it was collated. If you decide not to support the RGS-IBG any more or request that we have no further contact with you, we will keep some basic information in order to avoid sending you unwanted materials in the future and to ensure that we don’t accidentally duplicate information.

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All individuals have the right to access personal information that is held about them. You can request a copy of any information that we hold about you. Please contact us if you wish to make such a request by emailing education@rgs.org

Your rights

You have a number of rights under data protection laws. To find out more about those rights, to make a complaint, to request that we no longer use your data, please refer to <https://www.rgs.org/privacy-notice/>.