Young Geographer of the Year
Competition 2020

The world beyond my window

Frequently Asked Questions

Is the deadline of 30 June 2020 the date you need to have received the entries?

All entries must be submitted electronically, the final deadline for us to receive these will be 5.00pm on the 30 June 2020.

When will the winners be announced?

We will notify the winners by end of summer term 2020.

What does the 1,500 word count for the Key Stage 5 entry include? Can I go slightly over or under?

Map, diagram and graph annotations ARE included in the word count. Titles, subtitles, table of contents and references ARE NOT included in the word count. The word limit of 1,500 means that we do not wish any entries to be over 1,500 words, but if entries are slightly under they will not be penalised.

How will you be accepting entries this year?

This year we are unable to take entries via post due to the situation around the COVID-19 virus. We are asking for all entries to be sent electronically this means those in KS2-KS4 must send their entries as a photo or scan of their posters (please ensure the text on the poster is readable), alternatively you can send us an electronic copy of the poster as made on word, powerpoint or whichever program you wish to use (please ensure the poster is scaled to A3 size and sent as a PDF if possible). Those in KS5 are being asked to make an Esri Story Map, these should also be sent in electronically and more information on how to make them can be found here — https://storymaps-classic.arcgis.com/en/how-to/. Entries for all year groups must be sent to ygoty@rgs.org, if your file is too large to be sent via email please send it using wetransfer to the same email address (https://wetransfer.com/).

When will the Awards Ceremony take place?

Winners and Highly Commended entrants will be informed of all of the details regarding the Awards Ceremony. The date for the Awards Ceremony will be announced at a later date.

Are international schools allowed to enter this competition?

We gladly accept entries from schools outside of the UK.

Do you have to be a member or school member to take part?

The competition is not exclusive to RGS-IBG members and anyone who is within the correct age groups are welcome to take part.

I am planning to submit my entry/entries for Young Geographer of the Year—do I need to send anything with them?

All entries must be accompanied by an entry form which is available on our website. If you do not include an entry form your work will not be judged.

What do we win?

Winners and Highly Commended entrants will win an award and a selection of geography prizes.

My entry is larger than an A3 poster—is that acceptable?

All KS2, KS3 and KS4 entries must be A3 posters. KS5 entries must be no longer than 1,500 words.