



The Learn2Think Young Journalist Prize, 2019

Our young journalist competition for children aged 8 to 11 years old returns. It's a fabulous opportunity for Key-stage 2 pupils to engage in non-fiction writing, practice asking questions, and communicate about issues that are important to them. Our winners last year included moving and inspiring podcasts on homelessness and anxiety, a rousing argument for why girls can be as good as boys at running, and why children should be allowed to vote.

This year our focus is on learning from the past, and the challenge is for children to interview someone from another generation, at least 40 years older than they are. The aim is for them to learn from that person's past, in order to better understand how we got to where we are today.

It could be a grandmother's escape from a war-torn country, a great uncle going on strike for better pay, a neighbour who was the first girl in their family to go to school or College. How can we then link what they experienced to similar situations in the world today? The plight of refugees from Syria and Venezuela, female council workers in Glasgow striking for equal pay, or college tuition stopping young people who can't afford fees from going to College.

We are offering the option of doing either a podcast or a written piece.

It will be judged by Lizzy Amanpour, Producer, Channel 4 News, celebrity historian Christopher Lloyd, the Chair of the Learn2Think Foundation, and the CEO of SAPERE.

The winner gets a laptop, a small trophy and becomes the Learn2Think Foundation Young Journalist of the Year, 2019. Runners-up will receive special signed 'What on Earth?' book packs from Christopher Lloyd. The entry deadline is 2nd November 2018, with the winners announced on 16th November 2018.

The challenge

- We would like to see either;
 - a written article of up to 500 words (but less is also fine)
 - a 3-4 minute podcast (check out apps such as Anchor)
 - it must include quotes from at least one interview with someone at least 40 years your senior (include who the person is and why they were chosen for interview)

We will be assessing the entries using the following criteria:

1. **Topic:** Matters to you; is important to lots of people (or should be!); is something you believe more people need to know about
2. **Your own voice (not your parents or teachers):** Uses your own words; don't make it sound like a homework assignment; make it original, moving and persuasive – good journalism can change people's minds and gets them to take action
3. **Reasoning:** Is thoughtful; encourages debate; is not one-sided
4. **Interview:** Good quality questioning; plan your questions in advance and make sure they are relevant and challenging; you don't need to include the full interview, just pick the most useful bits and make sure you use at least one quote; try and surprise us with who you choose
5. **Research:** Breadth; showing your sources; remember that while a strong argument is important, so are facts show us yours are from a credible source - If you are claiming something as fact or quoting someone else, show us how you found it out. Writing about a government report? Link to it. Quoting the prime minister? Link to the source. Referring to old news stories? Find the link

The winner will be announced on the UN International Day for Tolerance, 16th November 2019. Entries are due by November 2nd 2019, to info@learn2think.org.uk.

Terms and Conditions:

We look forward to welcoming your entry by e-mailing info@learn2think.org.uk no later than 2nd November 2018.

Terms and Conditions

1. The Learn2Think Young Journalist Prize is open to children aged 8-9 and 10-11 at the time they enter
2. The Award is not open to employees or agencies of the Learn2Think Foundation, or their family members, or anyone else connected with the creation or administration of the Award.
3. We look forward to welcoming entries in PDF or podcast format, at learn2thinkfoundation.com no later than midnight on 16th October 2018. Entries received after this deadline will not be processed.
4. No responsibility is taken for entries that are lost, delayed, misdirected or incomplete or cannot be delivered or entered for any technical or other reason. Proof of delivery of the entry is not proof of receipt.
5. The Learn2Think Foundation reserves the right to not process entries that are illegible or inaudible, or those that do not include the correct amount of entered material.
6. Entries must be the original work of the person responsible for the entry. Any evidence of plagiarism may result in the entrant being disqualified.
7. By submitting an entry, you confirm that you have the right to enter and have obtained all and any consents, permissions and authorisations that may be necessary (whether from your school, parent, guardian or otherwise) in order for you to enter.
8. Entries must be in English and entrants may submit only one entry.

Judging and the prizes:

9. Shortlisted entrants will be contacted by email.
10. The judges' decision is final and no negotiations or correspondence with entrants will be entered into.
11. The winner will receive a DELL Inspiron (or equivalent) laptop and have their piece published on the Learn2Think website.
12. The Learn2Think Foundation retains the right to substitute the prize with another prize of similar value in the event the original prize offered is not available due to circumstances beyond its reasonable control.
13. The prizes are non-exchangeable, non-transferable, and are not redeemable for cash or other prizes. The Learn2Think Foundation accepts no responsibility for any costs which are not set out in the Terms and Conditions.

Other terms and conditions:

14. Winner and runners up may be required for promotional activity.
15. Material entered will not be returned to senders.
16. The Learn2Think Foundation accepts no responsibility for any damage, loss, liabilities, injury or disappointment incurred or suffered by you as a result of entering the Award or accepting the prize. The Learn2Think Foundation further disclaims liability for any injury or damage to your or any other person's computer relating to or resulting from participation in or downloading any materials in connection with the Award.
17. In consideration of The Learn2Think Foundation agreeing to consider their entry, each entrant: (a) grants the Learn2Think Foundation a royalty-free licence to copy, edit, display, publish, broadcast and make available their entry in any format in connection with the Award or promotion of the Award; (b) agrees that The Learn2Think Foundation may publish their name in connection with the use of the entry; (c) warrants that the work submitted with their entry is their own or the relevant team's original work, that it is not defamatory and that it shall not infringe any third-party rights including, without limitation, privacy; and (d) agrees that The Learn2Think Foundation may grant to its partners and/or associated companies a sub-licence of the rights licensed to Learn2Think under these terms and conditions on such terms as The Learn2Think Foundation shall agree in its sole discretion.

18. The Learn2Think Foundation reserves the right at any time and from time to time to modify or discontinue, temporarily or permanently, the Learn2Think Young Journalist Award or any feature thereof with or without prior notice due to reasons outside its control (including, without limitation, in the case of anticipated, suspected, or actual fraud).
19. The Learn2Think Young Journalist Award and these terms and conditions shall be governed by English law under the exclusive jurisdiction of the English courts