Geography taster day competition: Global Challenges in a Changing World

As part of our online taster day (6th July 2020) the Department of Geography will be running a competition for all schools to enter. The competition requires your team to produce a video on the subject of “How can geography address a major issue facing society?” OK that sounds pretty broad doesn’t it? But that’s because Geography is such a diverse subject and deals with a huge range of issues effecting society and the environment. The breadth of the question is to let you produce a video on any part of the subject that fascinates and excites you – it could be issues that the world faces such as climate change, globalisation, global geopolitics or global health. Or it could be issues that are a major issue to a society on a more local scale such as urban gentrification, coastal erosion or transport geography. The choice is yours!

To get you started here are some of the rules that we will be working to:

- Teams must be made up of between 2 and 5 students in year 12
- Each school can submit a maximum of two teams to the competition
- A member of school/college staff must register their teams by 5pm 11th June 2020 (registration will close sooner if all 30 team places are filled!); to do register simply email Professor Simon Blockley (simon.blockley@rhul.ac.uk)
- Teams must produce a video that answers this year’s competition question – see below for further details.
- All entries must be the original work of the team
- All teams must submit their video entry by noon on Friday 29th June (details below)
- Teams will receive electronic feedback on their entry on the day of the virtual taster day from a Lecturer or Professor from the department

Video rules:

- Must be no longer than five minutes
- What you do in your video is completely up to you, so long as you answer the question: "How can geography address a major issue facing society?"
- Must be uploaded to Vimeo (https://vimeo.com/upload) by Friday 29th June at 12 noon – once you have uploaded your video, please send Prof Simon Blockley (simon.blockley@rhul.ac.uk) or Dr Sasha Engelmann (sasha.engelmann@rhul.ac.uk) a link to your video.
- All videos entered into the competition could go online and be publically available on the Royal Holloway website and/or YouTube channel.
- Please only include people in your video with their permission
What are our judges looking for?

- Communication and presentation skills - Is the video clear and easy to follow? Do the team explain the concept well to people?
- Understanding of geography - Are the key concepts successfully described? Do the team have an excellent knowledge of their chosen topic?
- Originality - Are all of the team’s ideas their own? Is there something unique about their video?
- Creativity - Is the video exciting and creative? How original is their approach to the question?

Do you have a question which isn’t answered here? Email Prof Simon Blockley (simon.blockley@rhul.ac.uk) or Dr Sasha Engelmann (sasha.engelmann@rhul.ac.uk)

Dates to Remember

5pm Monday 11th June 2020 – Register your team
12 noon Friday 29th June 2020 – Submit your video online
Thursday 6th July 2020 – attend the virtual taster day