



## THE QUEEN'S COMMONWEALTH ESSAY COMPETITION 2017

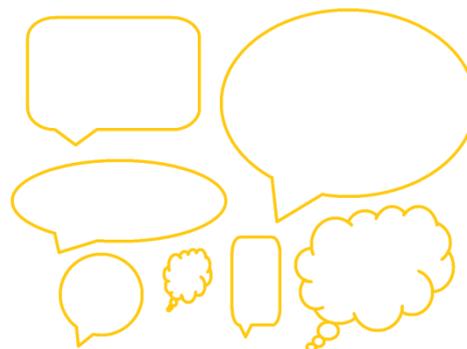
### What is The Queen's Commonwealth Essay Competition?

The Queen's Commonwealth Essay Competition is **the worlds' oldest** schools international writing competition, every year attracting thousands of young people who express their views on contemporary Commonwealth themes. The 2016 competition had approximately **13,500 entries** from nearly every Commonwealth country.

This year's topics explore ***A Commonwealth for Peace***, asking young writers to consider the meaning of peace at every level: from the **personal to the political to the pan-Commonwealth**. Peace is a key value of the Commonwealth Charter, which states that 'international peace and security, sustainable economic growth and development and the rule of law are essential to the progress and prosperity of all.' It is also a contemporary but complex issue for today's youth.

The competition, which is run with support from [Cambridge University Press](#), is open to all citizens and residents of the Commonwealth aged 18 and under. A Winner and Runner-up from both the Senior and Junior categories will win a trip to London for a weeklong series of educational and cultural events, including an Award Ceremony at Buckingham Palace with HRH the Duchess of Cornwall.

The deadline for the competition is **1 May 2017**.



### Where can I find the competition?

#### Facebook

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Or online at [www.thercs.org/youth/competition](http://www.thercs.org/youth/competition)

### What are the hashtags for the competition?

- #CWEssayComp
- #Commonwealth4Peace

## What are some suggested posts?

### Facebook

Calling all citizens and residents of the Commonwealth aged 18 and under! The Queen's Commonwealth Essay Competition wants to hear your thoughts on 'A Commonwealth for Peace'. Learn more about the theme, topics, guidelines and prizes at [bit.ly/CWEssayComp](http://bit.ly/CWEssayComp).

Looking for an opportunity to express your opinions and flex your creative muscles? Then enter The Queen's Commonwealth Essay Competition 2017, which explores A Commonwealth for Peace. You could win a trip to London, including a ceremony at Buckingham Palace! [bit.ly/CWEssayComp](http://bit.ly/CWEssayComp)

### Twitter

What does A #Commonwealth4Peace mean to you? Have your voice heard w/The Queen's @CWEssayComp [bit.ly/CWEssayComp](http://bit.ly/CWEssayComp) @TheRCSLondon

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Are you interested in #peace, the #Commonwealth & #creativewriting? Then enter The Queen's @CWEssayComp before 1 May [bit.ly/CWEssayComp](http://bit.ly/CWEssayComp)



## How else can I get involved?

- **#FactfromtheFuture** is a campaign we run asking adults to share the one piece of advice they wish they could tell their younger selves about writing. Get involved by tweeting your advice and tagging @CWEssayComp
- 23 April is **International English Language Day** and **UNESCO's World Book and Copyright Day**. Considering tweeting to make the competition part of the conversation
- **Tag your friends** in any posts you do about the competition to spread the word. How many people can we reach?
- Post, post, post! The more you **share the competition**, the more people we reach