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a writer?

Interested  
in the world  
around you?

Want  
your voice to  
be heard by  
others?



## Commonwealth Essay Competition 2014

This year's theme is 'Team Commonwealth'. As athletes gather in Glasgow for the 2014 Commonwealth Games, team spirit will be on display both within and between nations. Young writers are encouraged to explore this theme in fun, academic, witty, and most of all creative ways!

From Africa to Asia, from the Pacific to the Caribbean, from Europe to North America, the Commonwealth's 2.2 billion people make up a third of the world's population. Moreover, half of the population of the Commonwealth is aged 25 or under. The Essay Competition celebrates and nurtures the creative talents of the young people that make up this unique association.

Run by the Royal Commonwealth Society since 1883, the Commonwealth Essay Competition is the world's oldest and largest schools' international writing competition. It provides a platform for young people to compete with their peers in a truly global environment.

# Team Commonwealth

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Entrants are judged in two age groups, Junior (under 14 years) and Senior (14–18 years) and must be living in, or be a national of, a Commonwealth country/territory.

### Past prizes have included

Certificates • Resources for winner's school • Being invited to meet famous authors • Taking part in expert workshops • Work experience at international organisations • Entries featured in worldwide media.

### How to enter

All essays must be in English and can be submitted with an entry form online or via post. For details on postal hubs and how to submit your essay, please visit [www.thercs.org](http://www.thercs.org).

### Junior Category

#### Born after 1st May 2000

1. Tell us about your family or friends. Who are the team players and who are the stars?
2. 'You're one of us now.'
3. What makes a good team? What makes a good team player?
4. Tell us about an instance (or two) where people from different generations have worked together.
5. Have there been times in your life when you wished you had someone to team up with?

### Senior Category

#### Born between 2nd May 1995 and 1st May 2000

1. Team Commonwealth! How would you describe what your country has to offer other members of the team?
2. How can sport build peace in troubled communities?
3. What part does competition play in people's daily lives?
4. Explore the relationship between ethics, sport and human rights.
5. 'We're a good partnership, you and I!'

### Junior and Senior A bonus topic open to all entrants

1. 'United we stand!'

**Deadline: 1st May 2014**

Entrants are encouraged to be creative in their response. Answers can be submitted in a number of formats, **for example:** poem, letter, folk tale, script or essay – the choice is yours!

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