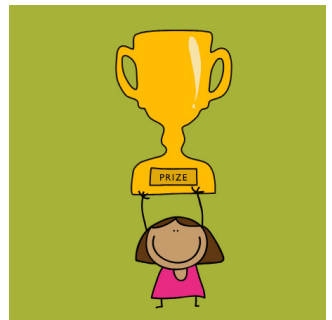
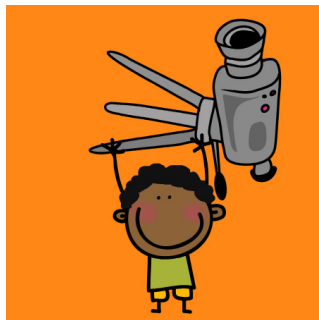
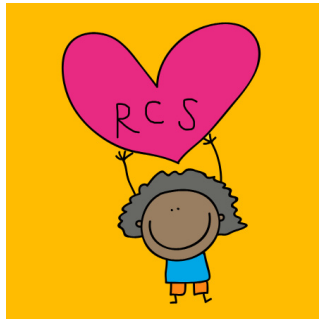
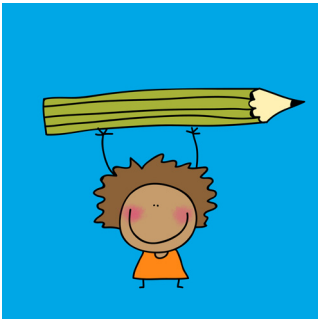
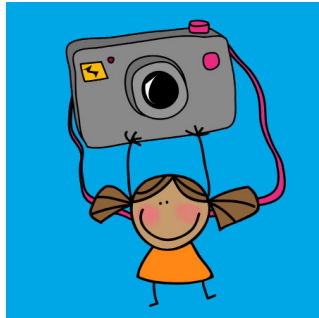
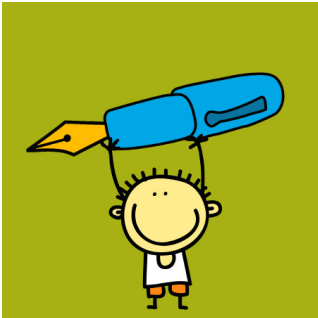




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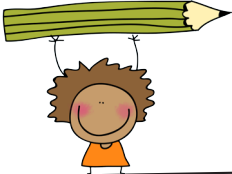
# 2011 - A VERY SPECIAL YEAR OF **CREATIVE PROJECTS** FOR THE ROYAL COMMONWEALTH SOCIETY!



ARE YOU CREATIVE?



INTERESTED IN THE  
WORLD AROUND YOU?



DO YOU ENJOY HISTORY, WRITING,  
FILMMAKING OR PHOTOGRAPHY?

## STOP PRESS!

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In 2011 for one year only, the Royal Commonwealth Society will be conducting two fantastic global education projects simultaneously.

So why don't you take the chance and enter the Young Commonwealth Competitions and the Commonwealth Jubilee Time Capsule?

These prestigious **Competitions** and this unique ★ **TIME CAPSULE** are open to people who are nationals of, or living in, a Commonwealth country. Both encourage creative responses to global challenges and histories, offering an exceptional international platform for cross-cultural sharing.

Over 50,000 young people enter our awards every year. But our winners are often those picking up a camera or putting pen to paper for the very first time, so don't be put off! We're not looking for perfection. We're looking for a creative spark, a unique insight, a new idea...

# BY ENTERING THE YOUNG COMMONWEALTH COMPETITIONS OR TIME CAPSULE YOU COULD:

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- win things for yourself: certificates, cash prizes, and electronic equipment
- win things for your school: all schools contributing 20+ entries to the Time Capsule will enter a draw for a new library or a IT lab
- be flown to London to take part in major Commonwealth events and visit key London institutions like the BBC's global headquarters, Buckingham Palace and the Commonwealth Secretariat
- be invited to meet famous authors, film directors, and photographers; take part in expert workshops to build your skills further; and do work experience at international organisations
- see your entries exhibited in different formats and locations around the Commonwealth and featured in the press worldwide



I LOVED EVERY SINGLE SECOND IN LONDON. THIS WAS A LIFE CHANGING EXPERIENCE.

Samm Pecht, age 12, 2010 Commonwealth Essay Competition winner who came to London for the Gala Awards.

# YOUNG COMMONWEALTH COMPETITIONS

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In 2011, our Competitions will relate to the Commonwealth theme, **Women as Agents of Change**. We want to encourage you to think about the opportunities and barriers faced by women around the world and the role they play in your own community, country and elsewhere.

## ★ COMMONWEALTH ESSAY COMPETITION

Run by the RCS for over 100 years, this is the world's oldest and largest schools' writing competition. Choose from a list of topics (below) and write us an essay, story, poem, film script, or play... the possibilities are endless! We ask only that it must be your own original work. Send us your entry by **1 May 2011**. Calculate how old you will be on 1 June 2011 to determine which Class you need to enter.

### Essay Topics for Class A (age 16-18) and Class B (age 14-16)

Word limit: Class A: 1400-1750 words / Class B: 1200-1500

- 1** EITHER Tell us about a woman who has been an agent of change in your community or country OR Discuss the statistic that 51% of the world are women but only 8% of countries have an elected female leader.
- 2** And so she made her case...
- 3** "If you educate a boy, you educate an individual but if you educate a girl you educate the whole nation." Do you agree?
- 4** EITHER Girl power! OR, Boy power!
- 5** ★ JUBILEE QUESTION: A day in the life of... Pick a day from the last sixty years and tell us what happened in your family, in your community or your country.

### Essay Topics for Class C (age 12-14) and Class D (under 12)

Word limit: Class C: 500-700 / Class D: 300-600.

- 1** Write an adventure story set on an island or at sea involving a sister and a brother.
- 2** EITHER Imagine the life of a girl in another Commonwealth country. How might her life differ to that of girls in your own country? OR Discuss whether you would rather have been born a boy or a girl?
- 3** Who would you choose as your "Woman of the Year 2011"?
- 4** Write a story or poem called "Grandma saved the day".
- 5** ★ JUBILEE QUESTION: A day in the life of... Pick a day from the last sixty years and tell us what happened in your family, in your community or your country.

## ★ COMMONWEALTH PHOTOGRAPHIC AWARDS

One powerful image can often say more than pages of writing. If you want to make your response to the 'Women as agents of change' theme an image, then start snapping! Whether you use a digital, analogue, or disposable camera – even a mobile phone – we want to see your pictures. Send them in by 1 June 2011 and you'll be in line for some fantastic prizes.

This competition is split into two age categories: Class A (ages 18-30) and Class B (under 18). Calculate how old you will be on 1 June 2011 to determine which Class you need to enter.

## ★ COMMONWEALTH VISION AWARDS

Aspiring young filmmakers are invited to make a film of less than 4 minutes long responding to the 'Women as agents of change' theme. Submit your fully-made film via YouTube or post a hard copy before the closing date of 1 July 2011.

This competition is split into two age categories: Class A (ages 18-30) and Class B (under 18). Calculate how old you will be on 1 June 2011 to determine which Class you need to enter.

## ★ JUBILEE TIME CAPSULE



If you link your photo or film to a specific day in the last sixty years, it / they will also be entered into our Commonwealth Jubilee Time Capsule. If you need inspiration for your photo or film, see the Jubilee Question in the Essay Competition – "A day in the life of..."



# ★ THE COMMONWEALTH JUBILEE TIME CAPSULE

A PEOPLE'S HISTORY  
OF THE LAST 60 YEARS

2012 marks the Diamond Jubilee of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II - that's sixty years on the throne and sixty years as Head of the Commonwealth. With your help, we want to build a unique time capsule of the last sixty years – created by the people of the Commonwealth.

We want you to pick a day from the last sixty years and tell us what happened in your family, in your community or country. Maybe you could interview someone, write a poem, take a photograph or make a film? There are 21,915 days in the last 60 years and we need stories for them all! The Time Capsule is open to people of any age but special prizes will be given to those under 25.

Every valid entry will be uploaded onto our special website [www.jubileetimecapsule.org](http://www.jubileetimecapsule.org), where they will form a rich historical archive for posterity. The best entry for each day will be sealed into the final Commonwealth Jubilee Time Capsule, to be launched by the top prize winners in the presence of Her Majesty on Commonwealth Day 2012 in London.

## THE TIME CAPSULE WILL:

- engage thousands of people in a cross cultural collaborative creative project
- promote literacy, research skills and creative expression and excite interest in history and culture
- help to narrow the digital divide
- form a unique archive of memories about people, places and events from around the Commonwealth





## WHEN? WHERE? HOW?

The Jubilee Time Capsule will be open to entries from 1st March 2011 until Commonwealth Day in March 2012.

If you are submitting your entry in writing you can EITHER enter the Jubilee Question above in the Essay Competition OR you can submit your entry only to the Jubilee Time Capsule outside of the Young Commonwealth Competitions. If you are submitting something written, it must be less than 1,000 words. If you are submitting a photo, film or drawing then it must be accompanied by up to 1,000 words of text explaining how your entry tells the story of a particular day. Your film must be less than 4 minutes long.

Upload your entries straight to the time capsule and see other people's work at [www.jubileetimecapsule.org](http://www.jubileetimecapsule.org) or turn over the page for postal entry requirements.

You can enter all 3 Competitions but may only submit one entry into each. You may also use the same photo or film entry for the 2 Competitions as your submission for the Time Capsule if you link it to a particular day in the last 60 years. If you wish to use the same written work for the Essay Competition and the Time Capsule please enter with The Jubilee Question – "A Day in the Life of..." (see previous page).

# HOW TO SUBMIT YOUR ENTRIES

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**ONLINE:** Please upload your entries for both projects to [www.thercs.org/youth/competitions](http://www.thercs.org/youth/competitions). For more information, see [www.jubileetimecapsule.org](http://www.jubileetimecapsule.org).

**BY POST:** Send your entry to us or to the regional office closest to you:

★ **DIRECTLY TO US:** FAO Young Commonwealth Competitions, 25 Northumberland Avenue, London, WC2N 5AP, UK.

★ **AMERICAS / CARIBBEAN:** FAO Young Commonwealth Competitions, The British Council, 19 St. Clair Avenue, St. Clair, Port of Spain, Trinidad and Tobago.

★ **AFRICA:** FAO Young Commonwealth Competitions, Baobab College, PO Box 350099, Chilanga, Zambia or: FAO Young Commonwealth Competitions. The British High Commission, P.O Box 296, Accra, Ghana.

★ **ASIA:** FAO Young Commonwealth Competitions, The British High Commission, 185 Jalan Ampang, 50450 Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.

★ **PACIFIC:** FAO Young Commonwealth Competitions, The British High Commission, P O Box 1812, Wellington 6140, New Zealand.

If you have a query, please call +44 (0)20 7766 9204.

**PLEASE NOTE:** All entries into the Competitions and Time Capsule will be uploaded into our new online Commonwealth Archive. Therefore, **please write ONLY your name on the work itself**; do not write any other personal information. Please complete your personal details on a separate piece of paper and make sure that you include: your name, address, phone number, (email), country, school and address, date of birth, an adult's contact details if you are under 18, whether you have a disability, and whether English is your second language.

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