



NEW PHOTOGRAPHIC PRIZE ANNOUNCED

27 June 2011

The top two entrants of the Royal Commonwealth Society Photographic Awards will be flown to Perth, Western Australia and have their work exhibited as part of a special prize commissioned by the Commonwealth Festival Perth 2011.

The Commonwealth Festival prize will be presented to two photographers, aged 18-30. Their work will accompany a selection of up to 50 images from the Photographic Awards to be exhibited in Perth for the duration of the Commonwealth Festival Perth, 23-30 October.

The Awards submission deadline has been extended until **1 August 2011** in recognition of the Commonwealth Festival prize. Young professionals and first time photographers who are citizens of or residents in a Commonwealth country or territory are eligible for the Awards.

Visit thercs.org/youth/competitions for more details on the Awards and email competitions@thercs.org with any questions.

Theme 2011

The Awards are open to work that fits the 2011 Commonwealth theme - **'Women as Agents of Change'**. Entrants are encouraged to think about the opportunities and barriers faced by women around the world and the roles they play in their family, community and nation.

Prizes

Other prizes include monetary awards, certificates, equipment, internships, exhibitions and workshops with leading professionals. In 2010, the top prizes went to young people from Australia, South Africa, Cameroon, Malaysia, Kenya, Canada, Pakistan, Singapore, Sri Lanka and the United Kingdom.

The Royal Commonwealth Society

The RCS is the oldest and largest civil society organisation devoted to the Commonwealth. Founded in 1868, it conducts a range of events and activities aimed at promoting international understanding. Its educational, youth and cultural programmes include one of the world's oldest and largest schools essay competitions, and an innovative international youth leadership programme. Headquartered at the Commonwealth Club in London, the RCS has some 10,000 members internationally through a network of branches and Commonwealth societies. The RCS is a registered charity in England and Wales. (226748). thercs.org

The Commonwealth Festival Perth 2011

The Commonwealth Festival Perth, an initiative of the Western Australian Government, is part of the Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting (CHOGM) 2011. An opportunity for the community to get involved with CHOGM, the Festival will be eight days (23-30 October) of family friendly events that celebrate the people and culture of the Commonwealth. Funded through the Department of Culture and the Arts and Lotterywest, the Festival will showcase WA's diverse culture and enliven Perth cultural centres and outdoor venues. The Festival program will be launched in August. Visit the Festival website for updates: commonwealthfestival.com