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TRINIDAD & TOBAGO



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WHAT TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO CAN TEACH THE WORLD

TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO COMMONWEALTH ESSAY COMPETITION

The Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting (CHOGM) 2009 takes place this November in Port of Spain. World leaders will be meeting in Trinidad to try and make the world a better place.

The RCS has been running an annual Essay competition for over 100 years, inspiring thousands of young writers from around the Commonwealth to take part. Over half the Commonwealth population are young people aged 25 or under – **just like you!** The competition aims to encourage young nationals of Trinidad and Tobago to engage with the Commonwealth and the 2009 CHOGM; and to aspire to higher standards of academic scholarship and creative writing.

THE TASK...WRITE A LETTER TO A VISITING COMMONWEALTH LEADER ABOUT WHAT TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO CAN TEACH THE WORLD.

If you are under 14 years of age, the word limit is between 300-600 words.
And if you are between 14 and 18, the word limit is 500-700 words.

PRIZES

The first prize winner in the under 14 age category will be given a laptop computer.

The first prize entrant in the 14-18 age category will be given the chance to travel, with a parent or guardian, to London and take part in one of the Commonwealth's highest profile events: the Commonwealth Day Observance in Westminster Abbey, attended by Her Majesty the Queen and many important dignitaries.

Twenty highly commended entrants will be brought together in Port of Spain on Thursday 26 November at the Commonwealth Youth Forum. There, they will have the chance to participate in a workshop with leading writers.

SUBMISSIONS

Email your entries to: youthchogms@thercs.org.

OR

Mail your entries to:
RCS Essay Competition
National Secretariat for CHOGM 2009
Level 14, IFC Building C
1A Wrightson Road, Port of Spain

The closing date for the competition is Friday October 16th, 2009.

