Your mission: Be a Hero for Change

Your mission, should you choose to accept it, is to change the world by helping us meet the United Nations’ 17 Sustainable Development Goals by 2030.

What are the Sustainable Development Goals, you ask?

Well in 2015, the leaders of the world got together to discuss the world’s problems and decide on a plan to tackle them. They named this plan the 17 Sustainable Development Goals, or the Global Goals.

The three big aims of the Global Goals are to fight inequality and injustice, end extreme poverty, and tackle climate change.

Your mission is to learn about the Goals and think about what actions you, your family, your friends and the community can take to help meet the Goals and change the world.

To help spread the word, we want you to put together a short film that focusses on 1-2 Goals and what actions we can take to help meet those Goals.

For example, to help meet SDG 14: Life Below Water, we have to make sure plastic doesn’t end up in our oceans. That means avoiding single-use plastics and picking up rubbish at the beach.

Will you accept this mission and be a hero for change?

Entry details

There are two separate competitions: (1) for primary school students and (1) for high school students.

Your video should be no longer than (2) minutes.

Each video entry must only be completed by a maximum of (2) students.

Students may enter the competition multiple times, provided they focus on different topics each time.

Entries are to be submitted via the online form with accompanying consent forms.

A consent form must be signed by a parent or legal guardian for every student whose face appears in the short film.

The closing date is 5pm on Friday, 8 November 2019. No late entries will be considered.

Judging criteria

The judges will be looking for:

- Clear actions relevant to your chosen goals
- Creative filming techniques
- Engaging and creative storytelling
- Original work

Our judges

A shortlist of entries will be compiled by the Australian Water Association’s Marketing Department.

Judges will include team members from the Marketing Department, representatives from other AWA departments and a small selection of industry professionals.
Prizes

Two prizes, worth $500 each, will be awarded to the winners of each competition. The prize packages will include individual prizes for the student/s involved plus a prize for their school, ideally to be used to promote sustainability.

There will be no second-place prizes.

Winning students and schools will receive certificates to recognise their involvement in helping to meet the Global Goals.

Winning entries will be uploaded to and shared across the Australian Water Association's online platforms, and by submitting an entry, students give permission for this to occur.

Timeline

The competition runs from Monday, 16 September to Friday, 8 November 2019. Judging takes place between 8-22 November 2019. Winners will be notified by 29 November 2019 and announced on the Australian Water Association's online platforms shortly after.

Terms and Conditions

The Competition is run and managed by the Australian Water Association. Immediate family members of Australian Water Association staff are ineligible to enter.

All entrants must have a signed consent form from a parent or legal guardian and teacher to enter. By submitting an entry, the student agrees to the terms and rules of the competition, and certifies that:

- their parent or legal guardian gives permission for them to enter
- their teacher gives permission for them to enter and certifies that the entry submitted by the student named on the form, is the work of that student.

All students whose faces appear in the short films must have a consent form signed by a parent or legal guardian, even if the student is not making the entry themselves.

All entrants will be notified by email that their entry has been received.

Winners will be notified by email that their entry has won.

All entrants are required to provide certain personal information (like name, school and email address) to complete an entry. This personal information will be used only for the purposes of the competition and within all applicable data protection and privacy laws.

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Further information

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