

HART PRIZE FOR HUMAN RIGHTS

The Humanitarian Aid Relief Trust (HART) Prize for Human Rights

What Is The HART Prize For Human Rights?

The HART Prize for Human Rights is a **competition for young people who are interested in global issues**. We are calling for essays or creative pieces about **critical, but underreported, human rights issues**.

This is an opportunity to gain valuable writing or creative experience while raising awareness of neglected issues, and to be in with a chance of winning an exciting new award.

There are two categories: an **essay category** and a **creative category**. There are **two age groups in each category** – **junior** (anyone between 12-25 as of the 1st August 2015) and **senior** (anyone between 18 and 25 as of the 1st August 2015).

The competition will **open for entries on the 17th November**. The closing date for entries is 11.59pm on **Monday 16th February**. Winners will be announced before the **end of February**. **Shortlisted entrants** will be announced **before the end of February**. **Competition winners and runner-ups** will be announced at a **celebratory event** to be held **in London in mid-March 2015**. Prizes will also be **given at this event**.

Further information, including on titles and topics, please visit <http://www.hart-uk.org/about-you/humanrightsprize/> or contact hart.competition@hart-uk.org

What Are The Categories and Prizes?

All entrants will be invited to a celebratory event in London and will have their names published in a Role of Honour on the HART website.

		The Challenge	Prize
Essay Competition	Senior Category	Write a 1200 word essay about the political, humanitarian and human rights issues facing those living in one or more of the countries in which HART works. A list of titles is available on the HART website.	A trip to Nagorno-Karabakh (in the south Caucasus) with HART, to experience aid and advocacy work first-hand. The winner will then be invited to write a feature for HART, based on their trip. Find out more about Nagorno-Karabakh at http://www.hart-uk.org/locations/nagorno-karabakh
	Junior Category	Write an 800 word essay about the political, humanitarian and human rights issues facing those living in one or more of the countries in which HART works. Fact sheets on each country are available from HART.	Publication of your essay, a £50 Amazon voucher, a signed copy of Baroness Cox's book 'This Immoral Trade: Slavery in the 21 st Century', and an invitation to Tea in the House of Lords.
Creative Competition	Senior Category	Produce a creative piece of work about the human rights or humanitarian situation Burma, Nigeria, South Sudan or Sudan. Find a piece of information about one of these countries which grabs you – and use your imagination to bring it to life in a creative way.	Publication or exhibition of your entry, a £50 Amazon voucher, a signed copy of Baroness Cox's book 'This Immoral Trade: Slavery in the 21 st Century', and an invitation to Tea in the House of Lords. All creative pieces will be exhibited at an event in London.
	Junior Category	Artistic mediums accepted include: paintings, drawings, illustrations, collages, graphic design, infographics, photographs and videos. Other mediums may be accepted – if your preferred art form is not listed please get in touch.	Publication or exhibition of your entry, a £50 Amazon voucher, a signed copy of Baroness Cox's book 'This Immoral Trade: Slavery in the 21 st Century', and an invitation to Tea in the House of Lords. All creative pieces will be exhibited at an event in London.

Essays will be judged by the HART team. Creative entries will be judged by award-winning film director and writer Nimer Rashed. Nimer's latest short film TOUCH won the Grand Prize at the Virgin Media Shorts awards.

There will be **one winner in each category**. However, additional entries may be published or used by HART, with your permission.

Why Are We Running This Competition?

HART works with marginalised communities who are deeply affected by conflict, poverty and human rights abuses. We focus on groups and issues which are underrepresented in the international media and neglected by the international community. They are groups who are at the sharp end of global inequality and injustice, who are often denied access to power, opportunities and control over the issues affecting their lives.

Our work includes both aid and advocacy. We support local partners to deliver life-changing projects, mainly related to education, healthcare or emergency relief. All of these projects are envisioned, planned and delivered by our partners, who have full control over the direction and scope of their work. We also support local civil society organisations in their advocacy work, and aim to raise awareness of human rights violations in political and international arenas, focusing on Parliament and the media.

The HART prize for Human Rights aims to:

- **Raise awareness** of underreported and overlooked human rights issues amongst young people in the UK
- Encourage young people to **examine and engage critically with human rights issues** by producing written or creative pieces
- Engage young people with **their own ability to take action**, by entering the competition, undertaking their own research and creative work, seeing their work published and inspiring and engaging others in their peer group.

The competition will encourage people to examine and write about **human rights issues**, to learn about and engage with our **partners**, and will invite **fresh new voices** to contribute to HART's communications.

How Do I Enter?

1. Identify which age category you are in, and decide whether you wish to enter the Essay or Creative Category. You can enter both categories if you wish (but you may only enter **one submission per category**).
2. Visit www.hart-uk.org/about-you/humanrightsprize for a list of suggested topics and titles.
3. Choose a topic and produce your written or creative piece.
4. Download an entry form at www.hart-uk.org/about-you/humanrightsprize. Essays should be sent to hart.competition@hart-uk.org. Creative pieces should be sent to the same email address or to:

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