

Congleton Rotary Club - YOUTH SERVICES Report – August 2019

Status of the Youth Competitions running in the year 2019/20 is as follows:-

YOUNG CHEF (Project Leader: Eric Westwood on behalf of Eric Capper)

The first local heat between Congleton High School and Eaton Bank Academy is set for the 10th of October. To be staged at Eaton Bank Academy at approx. 4.00pm. Andrew, the chef from Alexander Court has agreed to be a Judge again along with Jill Robinson & Mosey Knight. (Both previous Home Economics Teachers.) Andrew and has also kindly agreed to mentor the Young Chefs going forward to the first District Heat.

YOUNG ARTIST (Project Leader: Kathi Bott)

This year Congleton High School and Scholar Green Primary have not taken part but will be back in next year. The theme this year is 'My Favourite Things'. All pickups and assemblies have been arranged. All entries will be judged on the 11th of September by the Artists at the Electric Picture House. The Exhibition and Presentation will be held on the 10th of October. All prizes are already sourced and hopefully sponsors in place. All entries will receive a Certificate and a Wrist Band with Winners and Runner ups from each school having their picture framed. The overall winner will receive a prize of a Kindle.

YOUNG PHOTOGRAPHER (Project Leader: John Gauld)

The local competition will run from start of Autumn term until November 30th
Age groups are 7 – 10, 11 – 13, 14 – 17.

The two Congleton High Schools have been invited individually, other Youth groups will be invited by email.

The Congleton Chronicle will publicise the Competition to individuals throughout the period of the competition

Andy is preparing an entry form and a simplified guide together with Rotary competition details to be placed on our website.

Assistance is being sought for Congleton Chronicle and Congleton Camera Club to provide qualified judges.

In terms of prizes, each major school will receive a certificate for each entrant and there will be a first prize of an age-appropriate book on digital photography value up to £25 hopefully purchased at a discount. The individual entries will also receive a first prize of an age-appropriate book on digital photography.

It is planned to mount an exhibition of entries in Congleton Library or an alternative venue over the Christmas school holiday.

At our discretion, winning entrants may be invited to submit their photographs on an individual basis to the District rounds. It is anticipated that some limited assistance may be required to prepare digital images in the required format.

YOUTH SPEAKS (Project Leader: Eric Westwood)

Both Congleton High School and Eaton Bank Academy are now signed up, each school putting forward a junior and senior team. They will take part in the local heats at Biddulph on the 18th of November and then the first District heat, again at Biddulph, on the 20th of January 2020. (Thanks go to Biddulph Rotary Club for the assistance in setting this competition up in the Congleton Club.)

YOUNG WRITER (Project Leader: Eric Westwood)

This competition has been offered to both Congleton High School, who wish to take part, and Eaton Bank Academy who wish to see the details before committing to compete. Competition details will be issued to the schools asap. (Querying details with the Organiser.)

DICTIONARIES FOR LIFE. (Project Leader: Lorraine Sloane)

All this year's presentations are complete with some excellent feedback. Before next year runs, we will look at our process to ensure ease of execution as there is too much work for one person.

MEMBER INFORMATION

- Two pull up banners are still proudly displayed at each of the High Schools supporting the above competitions. We are now in the process of delivering all five competitions advertised.

BUDGET

Forecast Budgets have been agreed as follows:-

COMPETITION	BUDGET	DETAIL
Young Chef	£150	£100 Entrance Fee to be paid September 2019 to cover both High Schools. £50 forecast for possible refreshment costs.
Young Artist	£500	£500 forecast in lieu of £500 sponsorship possibly not maturing.

Youth Speaks	£100	£100 forecast for possible refreshments costs. (£120 already paid for Entrance Fees - 2 teams per each High School at £30 a team.)
Young Photographer	£450	Projected estimated costs for certificates, prizes etc.
TOTAL	£1200	Amount reserved in Charity Account.

Eric Westwood, Youth Services Co-ordinator.