

Commonwealth Children & Youth Challenge For Sustainable Energy Educators' Briefing Pack

Deadline 31 August 2023

Welcome to the Children & Youth Challenge! Thank you for helping us to share this challenge with your students.

What is the challenge?

The Children & Youth Clean Energy Challenge is a competition designed to encourage young people to come up with innovative solutions to the world's energy needs. The challenge is open to young people aged 7 to 17, from across the 56 Commonwealth countries, and offers two categories:

- A. A short story (max 3000 words) that shows the innovative ways they or persons in their community are increasing the community's awareness of / or the use of sustainable energy.
- B. A prototype and prototype testing trial log, for their idea of a clean and renewable energy solution to a problem in their community. They will need to form a team of 3 (could be intergenerational so long the main applicant is within the age categories) to test their idea. The log will assist them in documenting their journey.

To participate in the challenge, young people need to team up with at least 3 people from different ages and backgrounds, and work together to come up with an idea that can help people and the environment. The challenge is not only about technology, but also about teamwork and making a positive change in the world.

Submissions will require:

1. a fun and short 1 minute video summary about their project
2. Submission via the application form by 31 August 2023, 11.59pm GMT

Prizes includes:

1. Chance to attend COP28 in December 2023
2. Certificates for applicants from the Commonwealth Secretariat

3. Certificates for winning entries' institutions
4. Chance to pitch their ideas and submission projects to their local governments and policymakers, with potential for implementation, dependent on funding and suitability of the solution.
5. Promotion, mention and membership across Commonwealth's youth platforms

As an educator, you can encourage your students to participate in the challenge, and help them to form teams and come up with creative and innovative solutions to the world's energy needs. This is a great opportunity for your students to learn about sustainable energy, innovation teamwork, and problem-solving. It is also a unique opportunity for the students and school to involve and encourage positive contribution and impact in the community and beyond.

What is the educator's category?

We understand the great work that you do as an educator in teaching children and youth about climate and the sustainable energy transition, amongst many other topics. We also recognise the valuable insights and tips you have in delivering the most engaging and effective educational sessions. As such, we want to invite you to share your best practices for communicating and educating about sustainable energy with us so that we can further share it with stakeholders, policymakers and youth climate advocates Across the Commonwealth, to help accelerate the transition to a more sustainable world.

You can fill in the same [form](#) in the educator's category to enter!