Competition Terms and Conditions

1. The Competition

This competition is a social media vote operated by the British Council to select a winning global Social Action Project, as voted for by the Active Citizens Facebook audience, to be invited to present at the Active Citizens Social Action Project Showcase and Global Team Meeting (the “Competition”). The Competition will consist of three stages:

1. Submission of a Competition application form detailing a Social Action Project with a supporting image.
2. A selection panel to shortlist five Social Action Projects.
3. A social media vote of the five Social Action Projects on the Active Citizens Facebook page based on the image and Social Action Project description.

As the Competition prize is awarded to a single individual, each Social Action Project must select one person (the “Applicant”) to represent the Social Action Project. Submitting more than one entry featuring the same Social Action Project may result in both entries being disqualified from the competition.

1. Eligibility

To enter the competition the Applicant must

* be aged 18 years old or over;
* have implemented a Social Action Project;
* have been a participant at an Active Citizens training between April 2017 – March 2018 cycle, that was delivered in partnership with an official British Council partner;
* not be currently employed by the British Council or be an immediate family member of a British Council employee. (In this case immediate family member is defined as one's spouse, parents, grandparents, children, grandchildren, siblings and immediate in-laws (mother-in-law, father-in-law, brother-in-law and sister-in-law). Adopted children and stepchildren are also counted as immediate family members.)
* hold a valid passport and be available to travel and arrive in the UK on Monday 24th September 2018 and stay until Thursday 27th September 2018.
* have an effective command of the English language and be comfortable in delivering a five minute presentation about their Social Action Project to an audience;
* be available to receive a telephone call from the panel of judges on 10th August 2018 between 10:30 and 16:00 (British Summer Time - BST); and
* agree to fully participate in all workshops, as instructed, during the Active Citizens Social Action Project Showcase and Global Team Meeting in London between 24st-27th September 2018.

The Applicants Social Action Project must not already be represented at the Social Action Project Showcase as selected by each region. Please contact active.citizens@britishcouncil.org if you are unsure.

Applications containing inappropriate language or images will be disqualified from the Competition.

Each Competition entry must include a completed application, word processed and in clear English, and an image.

Entry to the Competition is free of charge although Applicants are responsible for their own costs of connecting to the Internet and any other costs associated with the preparation and submission of a Competition entry.

1. Competition format and dates

Stage 1:

The opening date of the Competition is 15:00 (BST) on Thursday 19th July 2018 and the closing date is 23:59 (BST) on Wednesday 8th August 2018. Any entry received before the opening date or after the closing date will not be included in the Competition. The British Council accepts no responsibility whatsoever for any technical failure or malfunction or any other problem with any system, server, provider or otherwise that may result in any entry being lost, delayed or not properly registered. Any entry that is not eligible, as explained in section 2, will not be progressed to Stage 2.

Stage 2:

By Monday 13th August 2018, the entries will be assessed by a panel of judges appointed by the British Council. The judges will select a shortlist of five entries that will progress to Stage 3 of the competition. The judges’ decision is final and binding with no chance to appeal.

Applicants will also be assessed separately from the Social Action Project on a range of criteria, including but not limited to English language proficiency, at the judges sole discretion to select the most suitable shortlist for Stage 3. The panel may, at its discretion, telephone an Applicant to discuss their Competition entry as part of the shortlisting process.

Stage 3:

By 17:00 (BST) Monday 13th August 2018, the five shortlisted Social Action Project entries (an image and description) will be posted on the Active Citizens Facebook page in an album. Between 17:00 (BST) Monday 13th August 2018 and 17:00 (BST) Thursday 16th August 2018 there will be a public vote to select the winning Social Action Project.

The public vote will be concluded by inviting visitors to the Active Citizens Facebook page to “Like” their favourite Social Action Project and Competition entry. The winner of the Competition will be the Social Action Project that receives the most “Likes” during the above timeframe. Any likes received after the closing date will not be counted towards the final total. To clarify, these are “Likes” on the official Active Citizens page post and not on “Shares”.

The winning Applicant will be notified on Friday 17th August 2018. This notification will be made to the email address provided by the winning Applicant. In this notification, the British Council will inform the winning Applicant of how to claim their prize and of any additional information or steps required to enable the British Council to provide them with the prize. The British Council reserves the right to award the relevant prize to another Competition Applicant if the winning Applicant does not respond by 10:00 (BST) on Tuesday 21st August 2018.

1. How to enter

The Competition will be promoted through at least the Active Citizens website, Facebook and Twitter channels:

<https://www.britishcouncil.org/active-citizens>

<https://www.facebook.com/activecitizens/>

<https://twitter.com/ActiveCitizens>

To enter Applicants must access the Active Citizens British Council website page:

<https://www.britishcouncil.org/active-citizens> and then follow these steps:

* Download and read the Terms and Conditions, application form and Privacy Notice and Consent Form.
* Email the following Competition entry documentation to active.citizens@britishcouncil.org within the Stage 1 timeframe as specified in section 3:

- Completed and signed application form

- Signed Privacy Notice and Consent

- Agreement to the Competition’s Terms and Conditions (section 9)

- An image from the Social Action Project

Each Competition application should be accurate, not omit any facts that are relevant and not be misleading. Inaccurate or misleading information will result in immediate disqualification.

Applicants may need to secure a visa to enter the UK. UK visa application will be processed through the relevant local British Embassy who have sole discretion to decide whether to approve or reject UK visa applications. The British Council will provide each Applicant with the necessary supporting documents to apply for a UK visa but cannot guarantee or influence the outcome of any such visa application.

If the wining Applicant’s visa application is denied then the British Council may offer the Applicant another prize.

1. Prizes and selection of winning entries

One winner will be selected as referred to in section 3. All decisions of the British Council will be final and binding with no chance to appeal.

No correspondence will be entered into with the unsuccessful Applicants.

The prize consists of the following:

* The Applicant identified in the winning Competition entry will be invited to attend the Active Citizens Social Action Project Showcase and Global Team Meeting in London between 24th-27th September 2018 where they will present their social action project.
* The British Council will arrange and pay for the following costs relating to the event:
* Travel from the Applicants home to an international airport.
* Economy class international return flights from the Applicants home country to the UK.
* Travel insurance up to £100.00
* Visa costs
* The British Council will provide and pay for hotel accommodation, 3 meals per day during the Applicants stay and local transportation in the UK.

The prize is personal to the winner and cannot be transferred to any third party. The prize cannot be exchanged for money or any other goods or services.

The British Council accepts no responsibility for failure to notify winning Applicants or failure to deliver prizes where such failure results from the provision of inaccurate contact details by the Applicants or from the acts or omissions of any third party (including, without limitation, any internet or postal service provider) and shall have no liability to any entrant if it is prevented from or delayed in delivering any aspect of the Competition or the prizes by acts, events, omissions or accidents beyond its reasonable control.

1. Personal data

The British Council’s approach to the collection and use of personal data is set out in a separate Privacy Notice and Consent Form.

Applications must be accompanied by a completed Privacy Notice and Consent Form. Failure to include the Privacy Notice and Consent Form will automatically invalidate an application to enter the Competition.

1. Intellectual Property

Applicants will retain copyright in the Competition entry material that they submit to the British Council. By entering the Competition each Applicant grants to the British Council an irrevocable, royalty-free, non-exclusive, worldwide right and licence to use the Applicants intellectual property rights included in the entry material for any purpose relating to the Active Citizens programme.

Each Applicant confirms that the entry material is their original work, is not defamatory and does not infringe any of the laws of England and Wales, including but not limited to any third party intellectual property rights, that they have the right to give the British Council permission to use it for the purposes specified above, and that all necessary consents, including where relevant appropriate image release documents, for the submission of the entry material have been obtained.

All rights in the British Council’s name and logo, websites, Facebook pages, Twitter pages, press releases and other promotional and marketing material and all course and examination content and materials (together the “**British Council’s Materials”)** shall vest in and remain with the British Council (or its licensors). By participating in the Competition, Applicants agree that they will not use, broadcast, publish, export, exploit, reproduce nor copy part or all of the British Council’s Materials.

1. General

The British Council may disqualify or refuse to accept the entry of any Applicant which does not meet the eligibility criteria in section 2 or does not otherwise comply with these Terms and Conditions.

These Terms and Conditions shall be governed by and interpreted in accordance with the laws of England and Wales and the courts of England and Wales shall have exclusive jurisdiction over any disputes or claims (including, without limitation, non-contractual disputes or claims) arising out of or in connection with the Competition.

1. Acceptance of Terms and Conditions

By ticking this box, the Applicant confirms they have read all rules, documents, Terms and Conditions governing the Competition and agrees to be bound by the same ***[ ]***