

ROTARY CLUB OF CANTERBURY
Working with THE KENTISH GAZETTE
and THE BRETT GROUP

INNOVATION COMPETITION FOR SECONDARY SCHOOL STUDENTS 2017

Rules and Conditions

1. Entries must be aimed at improving life in some aspect, and the winner will be the idea considered by the judges, in their absolute discretion, to be both innovative and capable of giving the greatest improvement to life within the sphere on which it impacts.
2. The idea may relate to any area of the human or natural world, local, national, regional or global, and it may be technical, organisational, artistic or otherwise.
3. The proposal must be feasible, and have a degree of practicality, but it need not be completely novel (provided there is some originality) nor need it be completely worked out.
4. Entries may be submitted by individuals or by teams of not more than 4 people. All entrants and all members of teams must be attending secondary school or 6th form college in Kent at the date of submission. Any entrant may submit more than one entry, whether as an individual or member of one or more teams.
5. All entries must conform with the following
 - a. be outlined in writing on the equivalent of one sheet of A4 plus any necessary sketch or photograph with a caption bearing the name of the proposal and the name and email address of the contact entrant
 - b. indicate the problem which the proposal is intended to overcome, the enquiries (including internet searches) made to find whether any other solutions are already on the market and, if so, why the entry is superior to them. The entrant may describe any other solution that has been considered
 - c. indicate what (if any) enquiries have been made regarding a market for the proposal.
 - d. be in Microsoft Office Word **.doc** or **.rtf** or **PDF** format
 - e. be accompanied by a covering email which states the name of the proposal, the names, addresses, schools and ages of all entrants who have collaborated in it and the name of the contact entrant (or, if appropriate, teacher) and his or her email address for correspondence
6. If the judges consider it necessary in order to understand the concept fully, they may ask for further details in writing.
7. Entries will be judged by a panel of experienced business people and include entrepreneurs who have had experience of exploiting their own innovative ideas.
8. Final judging will take place at a location, to be advised, in Canterbury. We hope all entrants attend. In the invitation to attend, some will be invited to make an oral presentation to the judges. If an oral presentation is requested, the judges may indicate the particular matters they would like dealt with, but the entrant may also cover other matters if he or she wishes. However, no oral presentation should exceed 6 minutes
9. The winner will receive a prize of £300 and the runner up one of £100 which will be awarded at the final judging. Advice will be given to all on exploiting their ideas.
10. Entrants will remain owners of their entries as between themselves and the organisers, but the organisers will have no obligation to maintain confidentiality nor to protect intellectual property in any material or ideas submitted

Entries must be submitted to innovation@rotarycanterbury.org.uk no later than 31st March 2017 and headed **“Innovation Competition”**

For copies of the competition poster and of these conditions go to:

<http://www.rotarycanterbury.org.uk/canterbury-rotary-activities/innovationcompetition2017.html>

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