

Peace Poster Contest 2020-21
Peace Through Service
Please take part!



Many thanks to all Clubs who took part in the 2019-20 Peace Poster Contest, Journey of Peace. We hope to find an opportunity to present the winning students with their prizes, which they should have received at District Convention, when things return to normal!

I realise that organising a contest in your local schools, colleges and youth groups is going to be even more challenging this year. However, teachers who are providing “childcare” in school will be very grateful for purposeful activities to offer the pupils who are still attending school and those working from home during the Covid-19 crisis. If you already have contacts with schools, colleges or youth groups it may be worth contacting them to ask if they would like to take part again and to sponsor a contest in the usual way.

If not, my suggestion for this year, with the full agreement of DG Jim and VDG David, is that Clubs still try to run a contest but **relax the rules:**

- Open the contest to any age group – there could be a winner for each age range.
- Allow any paper size – A3 would be good, but if they only have A4 use that!
- Use any medium, including computer generated.
- Encourage students not to use words ... but don't disqualify if they do!
- Encourage students not to stick things on the poster ... but don't disqualify if this happens – have a separate category perhaps?
- Agree your own dates for judging with the school/youth group – perhaps ask the schools to do the judging (based on originality, artistic merit and expression of theme.)
- The poster design should still be **the pupil's own original idea and individual work.**
- The official protocol should be maintained regarding any PR related to the contest. E.g. photo authorisation from parent/guardian.

Should schools reopen in the autumn there could still be time to run another competition which meets the criteria for the Lions International Contest.

We would still hope to have a District Contest. If there isn't a poster to fit the criteria for MD - so be it! Indeed, we cannot guarantee there will be an international contest in 2021. However, and more importantly, we will have maintained our communication with the school and given the young people an opportunity to focus on the theme of “Peace Through Service” – very appropriate in these unprecedented times.

All the information, including the official rules, is available on the Lions International website, along with some lovely images of posters from previous contests. However, please do not hesitate to contact me if you need more information or clarification about sponsoring a contest.

I have Peace Poster Packs available at £15 for those Clubs that would like them ... and I can get out to post them!

Good luck to you all.

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