

PHOTOGRAPHIC CONTEST 2016

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

1. First and foremost the Contest is a bit of fun and is aimed primarily at amateur photographers. It is not open to professionals and because we want something original, entries must not have won other competitions.

For the purposes of this competition, a professional photographer will be considered to be someone who makes more than half their annual income from the sale of their photographs.

Qualifying entrants may enter both the RG Joint Photographic Competition and the Society's 2016 ESW Photo Competition. However, in the interest of fairness, any images which win the 2016 ESW Photo Competition will be disqualified from the RG Joint Photographic Competition.

2. The Contest is only open to residents aged 16 and over who live/ work within the postal districts of the host partners, defined as the following Regional Groups of the Geological Society London:

Central Scotland	AB, DD, DG, EH, FK, G, HS, IV, KA, KW, KY, ML, PA, PH, TD, ZE
East Midlands	DE, DN, LE, LN, NG, PE
Northern Ireland	All postal districts in Northern Ireland and the Republic of Ireland
North West	BB, BL, CH, CW, FY, L, LA, LL, M, OL, PR, SK, WA, WN
South East	BN, BR, CR, CT, DA, KT, ME, RH, SE, SM, SW, TN
Southern Wales	CF, LD, NP, SA
South West	DT, EX, PL, TA, TQ, TR
Western	BA, BH, BS, GL, SN, SP
West Midlands	B, CV, DY, HR, ST, SY, TF, WR, WS, WV
Yorkshire	BD, HD, HG, HU, HX, LS, S, WF, YO

The host partners reserve the right to request proof of address in the event of a prize being awarded.

The contest is not open to UK residents in postal districts not listed above. These include, but are not limited to the following Regional Groups of the Geological Society: East Anglia, Home Counties North, Hong Kong, Northern, Thames Valley and Solent.

3. There are two themes to the contest:

Theme 1: 'Water: Changing the Geology of Britain'

This is open to all who meet the criteria of (1) and (2) above

Theme 2: 'Fieldwork Britannica'

There are two levels of entry:

Undergraduates and Graduates

Any person who is enrolled on an undergraduate degree course or who has completed an academic degree in any discipline at the deadline of the contest

16-18 Year Olds

Any person aged 16-18 enrolled in full-time education at the deadline of the contest

If either division of Theme 2 does not have a minimum of three entries, the Theme shall be run with a combined level of entry.

Photographers can interpret the themes in any way they wish BUT, images must feature the geology of Britain and Ireland (defined as Great Britain, the Republic of Ireland, the Isle of Man and the Channel Islands). Photos from outside the British Isles are ineligible for entry.

Whatever you decide to photograph, please do it responsibly. Take care not to disturb any animals or damage the environment. And always follow local laws and the countryside code.

4. Entrants can submit a maximum of four photos total which must be their own work and must not be merged or manipulated.

Entrants may crop, enlarge, and enhance photos to remove spots or scratches, make it brighter, clearer etc but they must not manipulate the content. In all cases, the Judges reserve the right to exclude any image whose authenticity they believe to be questionable.

5. Entries should be emailed electronically to JointPhotoComp@geolsoc.org.uk together with a completed entry form which can be downloaded from www.geolsoc.org.uk/JointPhotoComp Entries can only be accepted as JPEG files of at least 1Mb in size.
6. By entering the competition all entrants grant to the Geological Society the right to publish and exhibit their photographs on the Geological Society's website, social media channels and in Geoscientist magazine.
7. The competition closes at midnight on **31st January 2017**
8. All entries will be judged by an independent panel of Judges during early February 2017.
For each theme/ entry level, the Judges will each select a ranked shortlist of 10 images best based on their composition, technical ability, appeal, geological content and originality. The ranked shortlists shall then be compiled to create the final rankings and award winning images chosen.
9. Winning entrants shall be notified by email during late February 2017

10. Awards will be as follows:

For Theme 1 'Water: Changing the Geology of Britain (single entry level)

1st Prize	£200	Sponsored by Envireau Water
2nd Prize	£150	Sponsored by Geotechnical Engineering Limited
3rd Prize	£100	Sponsored by RSK
4th Prize	£50	Sponsored by Structured Soils

For Theme 2 'Fieldwork Britannica'

16-18 Year Olds

1st Prize	BGS Geological field techniques (Oxford University Press) <i>plus</i> Rite in the Rain Geological Society Field Notebook <i>plus</i> Compass Clinometer and Hand Lens
2 nd Prize	BGS Geological field techniques (Oxford University Press) <i>plus</i> Rite in the Rain Geological Society Field Notebook
3 rd Prize	BGS Geological field techniques (Oxford University Press)

Undergraduates/ Graduates

1st Prize	GSL Publishing House Special Publication Voucher* <i>plus</i> BGS Bedrock Geology UK North and South (1:625 000 maps) <i>plus</i> Rite in the Rain Geological Society Field Notebook
2 nd Prize	GSL Publishing House Special Publication Voucher* <i>plus</i> BGS Bedrock Geology UK North and South (1:625 000 maps)
3 rd Prize	GSL Publishing House Special Publication Voucher*

* The winners will be able to choose a book from one of these series Special Publications, Memoirs, Engineering Geology Special Publications, Rock-forming minerals and 'Geology of'

11. Awards shall be presented by the Regional Group local to each winner on a date and at a venue to be confirmed.