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2014 Worldwide "Future of Education" Youth Essay Contest

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What is the 2014 Worldwide "Future of Education" Youth Essay Contest?

What is this competition about?

We invited youth around the world, ages of 15 – 24 to participate in the Worldwide 2014 "Future of Education" Youth Essay Contest. We asked the youth to answer the question in an essay.

What will education in the future be like? What changes would you make? Why and how would you change it?





What are the goals?

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Our Goals

- Encourage young minds to think about important issues facing our world today.
- Inspire youth to answer the question using their talents, creative thinking and problem solving skills.
- Bridge generations in the ideas, development and implementation of positive change.
- To facilitate collaboration and team work with project development and application.
- To strengthen the mission and goals of UNESCO including peace and international goodwill.









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Why is it important?

A theme of UNESCO: Education for the 21st Century



Since its creation in 1945, UNESCO's mission has been to contribute to the building of peace, poverty eradication, lasting development and intercultural dialogue, with education as one of its principal activities to achieve this aim. The Organization is committed to a holistic and humanistic vision of quality education worldwide, the realization of everyone's right to education, and the belief that education plays a fundamental role in human, social and economic development.

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Why is it important?







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The Future of Education

The topic of education is in constant discussion. We all agree that education is the key but there are some big questions to answer as we look into the future?

Youth have the ability to connect with their generation as well as bridging with other generations to bring fresh perspectives, new possibilities and effect positive change.

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How was the contest run?

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How was the contest run?

- The competition began in April 2012 and ran through May 31, 2014.
- The competition was shared through news, websites, social media and networks.
- All judging was done online, being sensitive to schedules, time zones and cultures.
- Personal pages were developed for each of the 12 judges so they could look at projects during the first judging phase (June 1-12 2014) using a rating scale of 1-5 to score each project.
- Points for each essay will be summed up and a final 15 will chosen based on the highest number of points. A final judging page will be posted for judges to view and pick their top 10 choices. The top 10 will be chosen based on the number of votes and announced June 20, 2014
- The top 3 winners have the opportunity to attend one of the summer academies where there will have a special award ceremony.









What was the response?

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The response was amazing with hundreds of essays from over 60 countries. Inspiring youth to answer the question using their talents, creative thinking and problem solving skills.



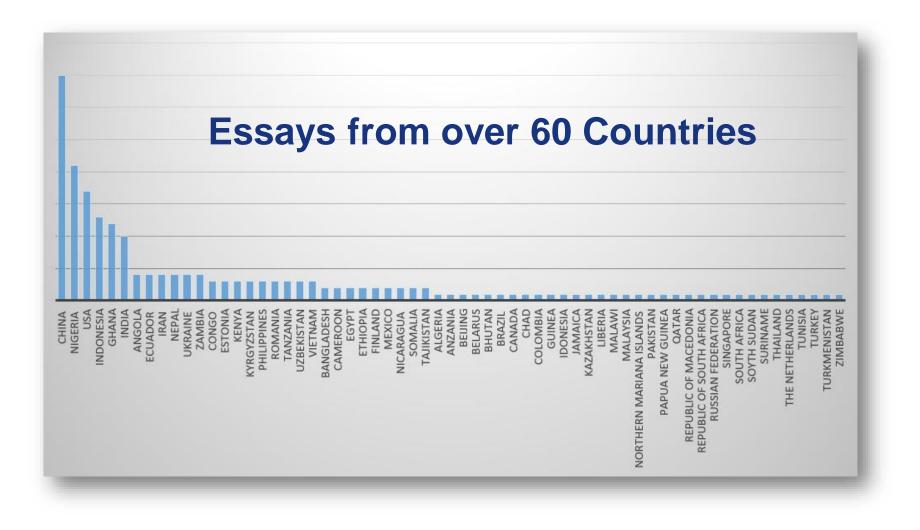






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Contest entries by country







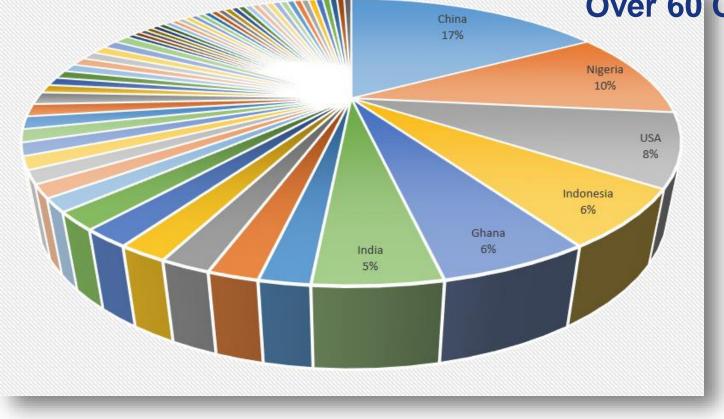




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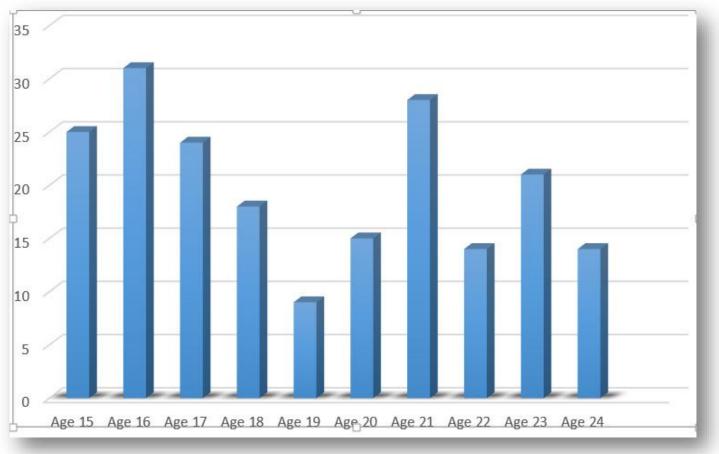




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Contest entries by age

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The worldwide volunteer panel of judges





The judges, from around the world, volunteered their time to look through each essay.

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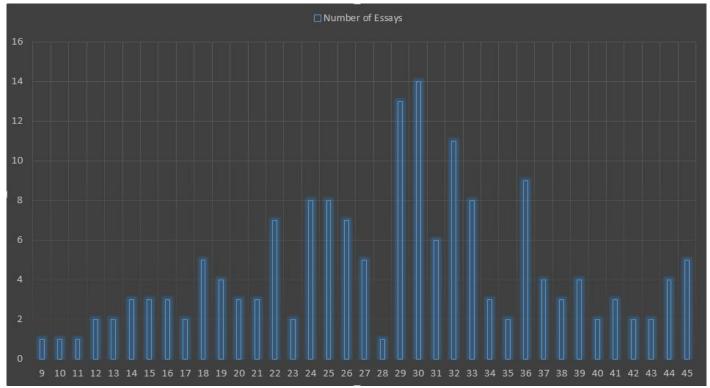




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Contest entries by Score

There were 9 questions, with a sliding scale 1-5 with 1 indicating *needs improvement* to 5 indicating *exceptional*. Questions were based in the areas of, relevance, creativity and originality, development, audience and cohesion.



The above shows the number of essay receiving a particular score.

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What did we hear from youth

The essay's were all encompassing with ideas and questions that were illuminating. Across cultures, regions and ages there were many similar emerging themes and ideas listed below.

- The importance and role of technology.
- Redefining the role of teachers.
- Creating a curriculum with more interest focus classes.
- Changing the walls of education, creating learning centers, education hubs
- and online platforms.
- Stepping outside the classroom for the application of knowledge and making it relevant to their world today.
- Creating new ways of testing knowledge, stepping away from pure memorization and increasing peer to peer teaching and creating open ended ways to apply knowledge and skills.







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Meet the Winners

Congratulations to the top 10 winners 2014 "Future of Education" Worldwide Youth Essay Contest



Learn more and read their winning essays www.worldgenesis.org/education-essay-contest-2014.html Learn more: WorldGenesis.org Atlantykron.org UNESCO Center for Peace.org IMUN Summer Camp

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Atlantykron Summer Academy

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IMUN Summer Camp

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