

mercy foundation youth awards 2017 video competition

Details for Teachers

1. Introduction

The Mercy Foundation Youth Awards is a video competition open to students in years 10, 11 and 12 across Australia. The video competition is aimed at developing the advocacy skills of students, encouraging them to become informed about social justice issues and to consider what action they and their community can take to help protect the rights of vulnerable people in our community.

2. Competition Details:

The theme for 2017 is:

Human Trafficking and Slavery in Australia.

Human trafficking and slavery includes: servitude, forced labour, deceptive recruiting for labour and services, forced marriage and debt bondage. Some of these practices are happening in Australia today.

Human trafficking and slavery is a crime and an abuse of human rights.

Students are asked to develop a campaign that

- (a) Explores ONE of the following issues and
- (b) Includes a plan of action that they and their community can take to help address this issue.

The issues are:

- Human trafficking and slavery in **domestic servitude**
- Human trafficking and slavery in **restaurant work**
- Human trafficking and slavery in **agricultural work**

Human trafficking and slavery involves a number of illegal practices. Students must consider one of these nominated issues only.

3. Work in a Group

We recommend students work in a group of 2 to 5. Entrants are not permitted to be members of more than one team. Each team can only submit one entry.

4. Safety First!

UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES are students to enter, trespass or video private premises or commercial establishments or attempt to perform unsolicited interviews with persons unknown to them regarding human trafficking. Human trafficking is a criminal offence and students may be inadvertently placing themselves at risk if they attempt any of the above.

We recommend students act out scenarios and interviews in a safe environment, such as their school or home.

5. Important Dates

The closing date is midnight on 23 June 2017. Winners will be announced in the week commencing 18 September 2017.

6. Judging

The judging committee comprises staff and Board members of the Mercy Foundation and an expert on human trafficking and slavery. Entries will be judged according to their content, accuracy of information, creativity, originality, effort, quality, persuasiveness and overall visual presentation.

7. Incorporating the Awards into your curriculum

The Awards may be a project of the school's Social Justice group, or teachers may wish to incorporate the competition into the current curriculum modules or used as a formative task in the RE Studies unit "Working for Justice", in IT, economics, commerce, PDHPE, English and Art.

The Global Slavery Index 2016 estimates that there are 4,300 people living in slavery in Australia

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8. Resources and more information

More information about the competition, information and links to resources on human trafficking and slavery are available on our website, www.mercyfoundation.com.au.

Please call the Mercy Foundation on 02 9911 7390 if you have any questions or wish to discuss any aspect of the competition.

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9. Entry Guidelines

- I. Video entries must be NO LONGER than 4 minutes and an entry form MUST accompany each entry.
- II. Note that each video entry must NOT contain any identifiable product or product logo other than the school's crest.
- III. Download the entry form on our website www.mercyfoundation.com.au or request one from youthawards@mercyfoundation.com.au.
- IV. By submitting an entry form, you acknowledge that you have read and accepted the Terms and Conditions for the Mercy Foundation Youth Awards 2017. The Terms and Conditions are available on our website, www.mercyfoundation.com.au
- V. The Entry Form requires a contact teacher to confirm that students in the group have media consent clearance (only needed if the student appears in the video) and that the work is original and made by the nominated students. Please ensure that the entry form is emailed to youthawards@mercyfoundation.com.au
- VI. Entries should be submitted electronically and use a format including but not limited to mp4, .mov and Quicktime movie.
- VII. Large entries can be submitted using file share sites such as Google Drive, Dropbox, wetransfer.com or wesendit.com. Where applicable, the link should be included on the Entry Form. Files can be

shared with the email:

youthawards@mercyfoundation.com.au. We prefer that you do not use youtube; if you do, you MUST use the privacy setting and share it with youthawards@mercyfoundation.com.au.

- VIII. Alternatively, post or deliver your entry on a DVD or USB to:
Mercy Foundation 40 Rocklands Road, Wollstonecraft NSW 2065.
- IX. If a video entry receives a place, you will be asked to provide Talent Release Forms for adults and students that feature in the video; a parent or guardian of students under 18 years will also need to sign the Talent Release Form.
- X. The Mercy Foundation will acknowledge all entries received. It is the responsibility of the students to ensure that we have received their entry and entry form.

10. Important Dates

Competition opens:

Wednesday 26 April 2017

Competition Closes:

Midnight, Friday 23 June 2017.

Winners will be announced in the week commencing 18 September 2017.

Prizes

First Place:	\$700 will be shared by the winning group/s AND \$700 will be shared by the winning school/s*
Second Prize:	\$350 will be shared by the winning student group/s AND \$350 will be shared by the winning school/s*
Third Prize:	\$200 will be shared by the winning student group/s AND \$200 will be shared by the winning school/s*

* Schools are requested to spend their prize money on social justice resources and/or activities to promote social justice in their school and/or to a charity addressing social justice issues in Australia.

More than one winner may be awarded in each place. If this is the case, the prize money will be shared between the winning groups and the winning schools.

All students will receive Certificate of Achievement for entering the competition. Merit Certificates will be awarded at the judging panel's discretion.

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