2019 Instructions for participants

Introduction

Global Issues such as poverty, food security, public health, inequality and environmental degradation are the product of global relations in which we as global citizens bear some responsibility. The World’s Challenge Challenge encourages young minds from different disciplines to come together to address a global issue, offering solutions to implement in partnership with communities.

The World’s Challenge Challenge competition recognizes that there are no simple solutions to the significant challenges facing the world and that proposals offered to address some aspect of these global issues must take this perspective into account and be seen as part of a larger picture of the global inequalities that exist today.

How it works

Student teams submit a brief application with a synopsis of their chosen issue or problem, and how they propose to address it.

Once all applications are reviewed to ensure they meet entry qualifications, students are given approximately 4 weeks to prepare a 5-7 minute presentation to sell their solution. A first round of presentations selects semi-finalist teams who will move on to the final presentation round.

Each team will have 5-7 minutes to talk about the World’s Challenge you wish to tackle, using a PowerPoint presentation (or similar) for visual support. Although you will not have to present them, you will need to add all the references you used for your presentation in the final slide.

When preparing for your presentation, please consider the following requirements:

1. Clearly identify the global issue that your team is addressing. We encourage student teams to consider the Global Goals* as part of their presentation.
2. Reflect upon the role that your own country or Western countries may have in the existence and/or perpetuation of the global issue.
3. Reflect upon the role that you, as individuals and local communities, in the existence and/or perpetuation of the global issue.
4. Present an idea to help address the global issue, using logical and convincing arguments, and including the way local and global communities can collaborate to develop joint solutions.
5. Solutions should include realistic plans for implementation, with some consideration for budget, logistics and possible partners.
6. Provide as many statistics and supporting research as possible to both the World’s Challenge and your solution.
7. Polish your presentation to make it organized, visual and engaging.
8. Ensure that your presentation meets any technical guidelines of your internal competition. Technical requirements for the International Finals will be provided to all finalists.

*On September 25, 2015 at the UN, 193 world leaders adopted the Global Goals, a series of 17 ambitious goals to end poverty, fight inequality and injustice and tackle climate change for everyone by 2030.