Youth Excel Photo Contest 2022

Terms and Conditions

Youth Excel’s photo contest will focus on images that capture moments or activities to illustrate the following themes:

1. THEMES (AROUND YOUTH EXCEL ACTIVITIES):
   a. **Youth mental health and wellness**: Photos that represent how your community is working towards supporting youth mental health
   b. **Youth at the forefront of economic development**: Photos that represent how youth in your community are engaged in creating employment/employability for fellow youth
   c. **Youth and decision-makers at work**: Photos showcasing youth in your community working with diverse stakeholders to create locally led community solutions
   d. **Youth driving decisions through data**: Photos that highlight trends or instances of youth in your community using research and data to solve local issues
   e. **Gender and Inclusion**: Photos showing marginalized youth (youth with disabilities, young women and girls, religious minorities, LGBTQI+, Indigenous youth, minority ethnicities etc.) positively participating in community development

2. TERMS AND CONDITIONS:
   a. **Eligibility**: Youth (15-35 years old) from Africa, Asia, Europe and Eurasia, Latin America and the Caribbean and the Middle East and North Africa.
   b. Photos must be an original submission. The submitter must own the rights to the photo (i.e. the photo needs to be submitted by the photographer or with permission from the photographer and have permission to use all identifiable people, buildings, objects, etc.).
   c. Applicants have limited five photos per entry. Multiple entries are allowed.
   d. Each image submitted must focus on a particular theme of the competition.
   e. Photos can be taken with a camera or mobile phone.
   f. Photos should be submitted in JPEG format with a minimum 1MB file size.
   g. Tell us about your photo by including a brief description explaining the context of the photo, where and when it was taken.
   h. **DO NOT** submit photos with watermarks, overlays or signatures.
   i. Winning photos will be added to Youth Excel’s stock photos and used in future communications material.
   j. By submitting an entry, all participants agree that their images may be used by the Youth Excel program including IREX, consortium partners and USAID in future communications material. Proper photo credit will be given to photographers of selected images.

3. COPYRIGHTS:
   Participation in the Youth Excel’s photo contest authorizes IREX, USAID and the Youth Excel program to use winning images on the IREX website and other communication
channels for IREX and Youth Excel such as social media, publications, collateral and more. Other entries may also be used by the Youth Excel program and USAID.

4. **SUBMISSION PROCESS:**
Participants can submit multiple entries reflecting one or more of the five themes above. Participants can submit entries using this [form](#).

5. **TIMELINE:**

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6. **WINNING ENTRIES WILL BE FEATURED IN:**
- Youth Excel Summer Showcase in August 2022.
- Youth Excel social media platforms.
- Youth Excel external newsletter.

First place winner from each theme will receive a special prize valued at USD $200-$300.