

I live by the Sea International Youth Contest

2018

The idea behind this project involves a worldwide contest for young persons up to the age of 21. The contest will be held in four age categories:

1. 5 to 12,
2. 13 to 15,
3. 16 to 18,
4. 19 to 21.

In this edition of the Contest we expect from participants to use any type of visual arts to present a story of “their sea”. Therefore, we will have two categories, Photo and Film. Participants, along with a short text, which will describe the story, may submit photos or short films. In the films we accept any form of artistic expression, from a documentary, to feature, or theatre play, through pantomime, dance or a song. We will take into consideration not only the photo or a film but also a relevant description of a region, a special feature of the place, an explanation of the depicted problem, etc.

This project is based on the previous experience of a “*I live by the Sea*” contest co-organized by Today We Have in 2015-2017 (www.todaywehave.com). Just like in the previous edition, our goal is to spread and share knowledge about marine environments and marine protection issues, as well as the exchange of information among users of different seas and marine oriented regions. Through their participation we hope to involve youth of different natural and cultural heritage to share their views on marine issues in a creative way.

All works submitted will be reviewed by a panel of International Judges. Due to a variety of options for contestants the panel involves experts from a number of art and science areas:

1. **Izabela Kotynska-Zielinska**, Poland, Today We Have, Project coordinator, expert in informal education and science promotor,
2. **Dennis Chamberlin**, USA, professor in the school of journalism at the Iowa State University, professional photographer,
3. **Colin Campbell**, UK, professor at the University of Reading, expert in teaching and training teachers of English,
4. **Tiago Garcia**, Portugal, Expert in Ocean Communications and Outreach at EurOcean,

5. **Tymon Zielinski**, Poland, professor at the Institute of Oceanology Polish Academy of Sciences, United Nations expert in marine issues, educator,
6. **Christine Santora**, USA, expert in marine conservation and policy at Stony Brook University,
7. **Martha Papathanassiou**, Greece, Indigo-Med, educator and marine science promotor,
8. **Monika Matuszewska**, Poland, expert in professional movie production,
9. **Leal Zielinska**, USA, professional dancer at the Sidra Bell Dance New York, educator through dance,
10. **Kajetan Deja**, Poland, oceanographer at the Institute of Oceanology Polish Academy of Sciences and photographer,
11. **Wojciech Glodek**, Poland, CI TASK, expert in production and author of short documentaries.

Then, a maximum of 30 photos, films and texts will be chosen to be printed and presented during a special event to be held on the World Ocean Day on 8 June 2018 in Brussels.

Contest timeline

Submission of works (1 photo or 1 film plus text) by **19 March 2018**.

Announcement of results and the exhibition on the World Ocean Day in Brussels: **8 June 2018**.