Young people from around the Commonwealth are invited to enter the 2011 Commonwealth Photographic Awards, organised by the Royal Commonwealth Society in London

**Deadline: Wednesday 1st June**

**Theme 2011**
Young people are invited to make their voice heard on a global platform by engaging with the issues that mean the most to them. This year’s Commonwealth theme is ‘Women as Agents of Change’ - we want entrants to think about the opportunities and barriers faced by women around the world and the roles they play in their family, community and nation. Our winners are often those picking up a camera for the very first time and what we are looking for is a creative spark, a unique insight, or a new idea.

**Prizes**
Top prizes include £500 and photographic equipment. The RCS will also fly a selection of winners to London for a week of workshops with professional photographers, visits to the London sights (including a special tour of the Houses of Parliament), and a Gala Awards Ceremony in November. The judges’ favourite entries will be exhibited at the Commonwealth Club, a private members club and exclusive London venue. Hear from last year’s winners here: [http://www.thercs.org/youth/385](http://www.thercs.org/youth/385). In 2010 the top prizes went to photographers from India, Canada, Trinidad and Tobago, Pakistan, the UK and Australia. Take a look at their winning entries here: [http://www.thercs.org/youth/photoawards](http://www.thercs.org/youth/photoawards). Gold, Silver and Bronze Awards are given to entrants in both the under-18 and 18-30 categories.

**Who can take part?**
Entrants must be under 30 and from or resident in a Commonwealth country. Whether you use a digital, analogue, mobile phone, or disposable camera – we want to see your images.

**How to enter**
Enter online here: [http://www.rcsregister.org/public/index/index](http://www.rcsregister.org/public/index/index). Be sure to upload your photo, and fill in the online entry form, including your contact details and Date of Birth. The deadline for receipt of submissions is 1st June.

**About**
The only Photographic Prize of its kind to reach every country in the Commonwealth, the Photographic Awards has been running since the 1990s and has drawn together hundreds of young photojournalists and photographers every year. The standard of entry is always exceptional. Open to all from, or resident in, Commonwealth countries, this inspiring photographic prize celebrates the ways in which young people from all backgrounds across world, from different races, creeds, cultures and ways of life, see themselves and others.

Check out our website [www.thercs.org/youth/photoawards](http://www.thercs.org/youth/photoawards) for more details and email [competitions@thercs.org](mailto:competitions@thercs.org) with any questions.