



## **The Learn2Think Young Journalist Prize, 2017** **In Association with the Guardian Foundation and The Week Junior**

Learn2Think is holding its inaugural Tolerance Day journalism competition for children aged 8-9, and 10-11 to have their voices heard as the 'truth detectives' of their generation.

We believe that only by encouraging children to think for themselves, to find their own voices, can we teach them to face a world of overwhelming information.

Some people are naturally curious, and intent on getting to the bottom of things. They could easily become journalists, and by starting to write when young, children have time to develop their skills. Journalists play a really important part in our society, making sure that everyone understands important information about what's happening in the world. Being younger doesn't mean that a child doesn't know interesting things or have opinions that count.

We not only want to find out what matters to our children, but also get them thinking critically for themselves, so that they can start to identify misinformation, develop a reasoned argument, and give voice to their own unique thoughts and opinions.

Children will probably write a stronger piece if they some have some experience in or passion about a subject, but there are always questions to be asked. WHO? WHAT? WHEN? WHERE? WHY? and HOW? We have created characters for children to use to explore these questions (see Editors Notes).

The challenge is to write a column of up to 500 words (that's about 1 page of A4). The winner will be announced on the UN International Day for Tolerance, 16<sup>th</sup> November 2017. Entries are due by October 16<sup>th</sup> 2017, to [info@learn2think.org.uk](mailto:info@learn2think.org.uk).

The competition will be judged by the Executive Director at the [Guardian Foundation](#), the Editor of [The Week Junior](#), the Chair of the [Learn2Think Foundation](#), and the CEO of [SAPERRE](#), who promote Philosophy for Children in the UK (for more details on each, see Editors Notes).

The prize, in both age categories, is to receive a laptop to continue their writing, as well as 6 months subscription to The Week Junior for them and a year's subscription for their school.

Entries should be made by email by 16<sup>th</sup> October to [info@learn2think.org.uk](mailto:info@learn2think.org.uk) and the winner will be announced on 16<sup>th</sup> November 2017, as part of our marking of the UN's International Day for Tolerance.

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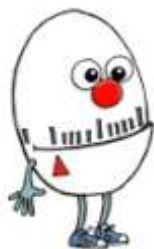
**Editors Notes – the 5 W's (images available upon request)**



**WHO?** – Who is the person giving you the information? Who do they work for? How old are they? What's their background eg. Political agenda? Are they reliable? Etc. etc.



**WHAT?** – What is the information about? An event? A person? An idea?



**WHEN?** - Was the person talking about it actually there (primary/secondary source)?



**WHERE?** – Where are they standing (what's their viewpoint)?



**WHY?** – What is the motivation of the person telling you? Why are they telling you now? What are they trying to make you think? What are they trying to persuade you of?

**The Guardian Foundation** is an independent charity with a focus on journalism education, promoting human rights and the right to information. It has a vision of a world where all people can tell their stories, access the truth and hold power to account. Its mission is to empower journalists and the community to report the truth through education, the promotion of human rights and the right to information. Its values are honesty, integrity, fairness, courage and diversity.

<https://www.theguardian.com/the-guardian-foundation>

**The Learn2Think Foundation** is a charitable company focused on empowering the young through the development of creative, independent and compassionate thinking. Developing this approach to thinking deeply about the larger questions in life, children can be equipped with the tools not simply to challenge the status quo, but to prepare them for the challenges they face in a rapidly changing world.

<http://www.learn2think.org.uk>

**The Week Junior** is a brilliant current affairs magazine for children aged between 8 and 14. It's filled with fascinating stories and information, written to engage curious young minds and encourage them to explore and understand the world around them. By exploring real world matters, The Week Junior equips young people with the skills to think critically, learn about the world around them and ask questions. It gives context to what they learn in the classroom – and encourages them to look further.

<http://www.theweekjunior.co.uk>

**SAPERE** improves teaching and learning for the lasting benefit of individuals, schools, colleges and communities. In P4C the teacher facilitates a student-led discussion on a philosophical question. P4C builds higher order thinking, questioning, speaking and listening skills. Over 25 years, SAPERE has trained more than 27,000 teachers in the practice of P4C. The EEF has validated P4C in its [pupil premium toolkit](#).

<http://www.sapere.org>

**Tolerance Day** is a campaign marking the UN's International Day for Tolerance. Through the provision of learning materials, plays, games, lesson plans, books and assemblies, its goal is to embed the practice of tolerance in the day to day. We celebrate diversity and tolerance in practice, and encourage children to make space for each other's opinions. If opinions or ideas are objectionable or indefensible in our eyes, it is our duty to speak up and refute them. We must however try to understand the perspectives of others, develop a dialogue and build a mutual understanding, culminating in peaceful co-existence.

<http://www.toleranceday.org>