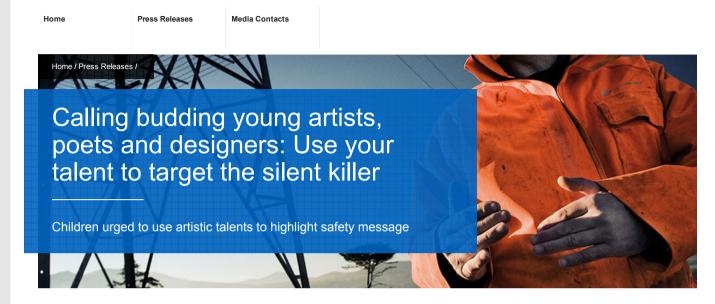
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- · Youngsters invited to submit entries to Gas Safety Carbon Monoxide Poster Competition
- · Entries should be accurate, eye catching and informative
- · Nationwide competition which offers cash prizes is now in its tenth year

Potential Picassos and other budding creative types with an eye for safety are being invited to take part in an annual competition to design an eye catching gas safety poster warning of the dangers of Carbon Monoxide.

Open to schoolchildren in key stages 1 and 2 (ages 5 to 11) the competition asks pupils to produce an eye-catching poster, poem or entry in another medium which is both informative and accurate and which warns of the dangers of Carbon Monoxide (CO) poisoning and how to avoid them.

The competition will be officially launched on Wednesday 11 January 2017 after which entries can be submitted.

Thereafter the competition timetable will be as follows:

Friday 5 May 2017 - Closing date for entries

W/C Monday 15 May and Monday 22 May 2017 - Local judging

W/C Monday 29 May and Monday 5 June 2017 - National judging

W/C Monday 19 June and Monday 26 June - Prize Giving Event in the palace of Westminster

Known as the silent killer Carbon Monoxide is responsible for deaths, illness and hospitalisations each year.

First launched in 2007 the competition was previously run by charity CO-Gas Safety Gas in partnership with Gas Distribution Networks (GDNs), but this year the GDNs, including National Grid, have taken over the running of the competition.

Entrants stand a chance of winning the following prizes:

National Winner: Winner will receive £300 for themselves and £600 for their school/organisation.(National prize will be in addition to the area prize)

Area Winner: Winners will receive £150 each and £300 for their school or organisations (See terms and conditions).

Phil Burrows, National Grid Gas Distribution Stakeholder Implementation Manager, said:

"Sadly each year lives are lost and many other people have to be admitted to hospital and suffer health problems because of Carbon Monoxide poisoning.

"However this could be avoided if awareness of the dangers of Carbon Monoxide was better known and people took some simple precautions such as getting their gas appliances checked each year by a Gas Safe registered engineer and having a Carbon Monoxide alarm."

He added: "We hope the competition will be an enjoyable way to improve Carbon Monoxide awareness and I would encourage as many children as possible to enter.

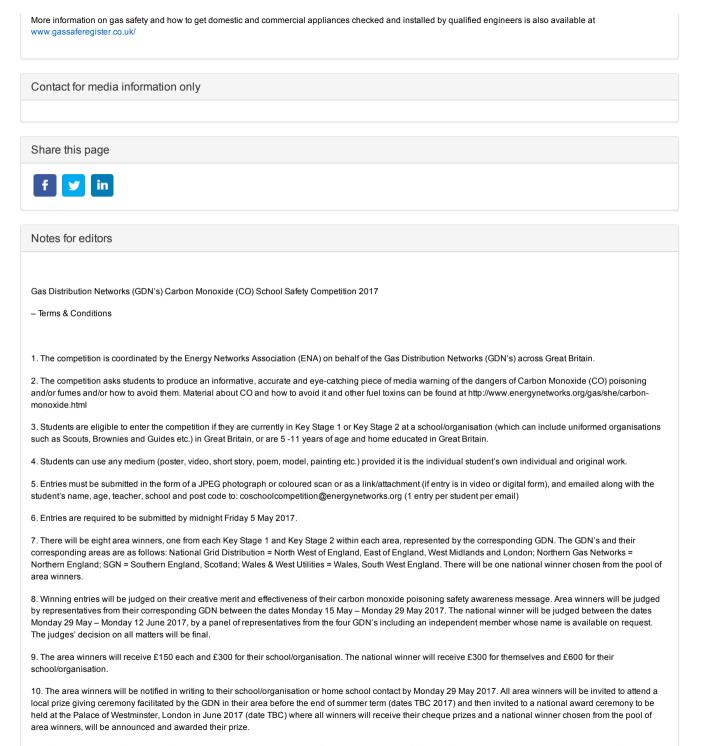
"It's a fantastic opportunity for them to have some fun, exercise their creative talents and have a chance of winning some great prizes while relaying an important safety message."

For more details on the competition please visit http://bit.ly/COSchoolSafetyComp

Entries can be emailed to: coschoolcompetition@energynetworks.org

Competition terms and conditions can be found below and also at:http://www.energynetworks.org/assets/files/news/releases-and-news/Terms_Conditions_GDN_CO_SchoolSafetyCompetition2017.pdf

For more information on Carbon Monoxide Safety go to www2.nationalgrid.com/UK/Safety/Carbon-Monoxide



11. The area winners will be publically announced via a local press release from the corresponding GDN by 29 May 2017 and their entries may be put on display in the media or used to create further awareness. The national winning entry will be announced on the day of the national award ceremony at the Palace of Westminster,

London in June 2017. This entry may also be put on display in the media or used to raise further awareness.

12. The competition is being sponsored by National Grid Distribution, Northern Gas Networks, SGN, and Wales & West Utilities.

13. Upon entry, all entrants agree that all copyright and other intellectual rights to the posters will become the property of the Energy Networks Association.

* For those students home educated, parents can nominate either a school/organisation, Local Education Authority, or carbon monoxide safety charity to receive the winning prize for the 'school/organisation'.

For further information please email coschoolcompetition@energynetworks.org

What is Carbon Monoxide?

Carbon Monoxide (CO) is a poisonous gas that is produced when fossil fuels - coal, wood, oil and gas, are burnt without adequate air ventilation. Approximately 4,000 people are diagnosed with CO poisoning each year.

CO is:

Colourless

Odourless

Tasteless

The symptoms of CO poisoning include:

Headaches

Nausea

Tiredness

Dizziness

Chest and/or stomach pains

If you experience any of the above symptoms you should seek medical advice straight away.

Three tips which could save your life:

1. Ensure gas appliances are installed, maintained and fixed by Gas Safe registered engineers only, find one in your area at www.GasSafeRegister.co.uk

2. Have your gas appliances checked annually by a Gas Safe registered engineer. Sign up to www.staygassafe.co.uk for a free reminder service

3. Install an audible carbon monoxide alarm which will alert you if dangerous levels of CO are present.

In a medical emergency, don't delay: phone 999

Useful numbers

24-hour national gas emergency : 0800 111 999

Gas emergency minicom: 0800 371787

Solid fuel advice: 0845 6014 406

Health & Safety CO advice line: 0800 300 363

OFTEC oil-fired appliance advice: 0845 6585 080

Gas Safe Register information: 0800 408 5500

*0845 numbers will cost 7 per minute plus your phone company's access charge.

Carbon Monoxide (CO) is a silent killer. Do you have a CO Alarm?

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