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Terms and conditions 1. The competition will run in The Sun newspaper on 20 July, 2010 and on www.thesun.co.uk website from 20 July, 2010 to 9 August 2010. Entries can be submitted via www.thesun.co.uk/columnidol or sent to Column Idol, The Sun 1 Virginia Street, Wapping, London, E98 1SN. 2. Closing date for entries is midday 9 August 2010. 3. Entry limited to one per person. The winner is responsible for ensuring they are able to accept the prize as set out and in accordance with these terms and conditions, in the event they are unable to do so then the Promoters reserve the right to reselect the Finalists and winner. If you are under 18, please obtain your parent or guardian's permission to enter this competition and ask them to read through these terms and conditions. 4. Entry is free but entrants should be aware that they may be subject to local call charges depending on their own individual arrangements for Internet access and postage costs. Eligibility: 5. An eligible entrant must be an individual aged 16-21 years who resides in England and must submit a completed entry using the Application Form available at www.thesun.co.uk/columnidol or printed in The Sun newspaper so that it is received before the Closing Date. Employees of News Group Newspapers Limited ("NGN"), Media Trust and their associated, affiliated or subsidiary companies, and their families, agents, or anyone connected with this competition, including the third party promotional partners, are excluded from entering this competition. 6. Entries must be the original work of the author and not previously published. Entries which appear to be fraudulently generated or are plagiarised will be disqualified. 7. By entering, all eligible entrants agree to abide by each and all of these terms and conditions. The Promoters reserve the right, with or without cause, to exclude entrants and withhold prizes for violating any of these terms and conditions. The Promoters reserve the right to amend these terms and conditions. Any amendments will be published on the Website. 8. Entries submitted after the competition closing date will not be valid. 9. Incomplete entries or those that do not conform to the Eligibility requirements set out in paragraphs 5-11 will be invalid. 10. All Finalists must be available to attend the workshop during the day on 24 August 2010, the final panel in the evening of 16 September and at least two mentoring sessions between 25 August 2010 and Friday 10 September 2010. All sessions will be held in London at The Sun's offices in Wapping. If a Finalist is unable to attend, the Promoters reserve the right to select an alternative eligible entrant as a Finalist. 11. If any person is determined to have breached these terms they may be disqualified. In the event that a chosen entrant is disqualified, the Promoters reserve the right to select an alternative Finalist. Competition Process: 12. There is one prize. There are two stages to this Competition - selection from all valid entries to 6 Finalists who will all attend mentoring at The Sun newspaper and present their final article to the panel of judges. The winner will have their final column published in The Sun (the "Column") and a feature written by a journalist at The Sun about their mentoring story. Entry Criteria: 13. Entries that meet the Eligibility criteria will be judged according to those entrants who have demonstrated within their 500 word limit that they have a humour, passion, something interesting to say and spark suitable for The Sun style and demonstrated that your voice is underrepresented and you wouldn't usually get this opportunity. 14. You warrant and represent that your entry is original to you and that you have the right to grant the consents and license the rights expressed to be granted in these terms, free from encumbrances and third party rights. 15. You warrant and represent that your entry will not be or contain material which either Promoter deems to be defamatory, libelous or slanderous, or which might embarrass someone or invade their privacy, or be vulgar, tasteless or obscene, racist, abusive, malicious or derogatory toward an individual or business entity. 16. You warrant and represent that you are over 16 years of age and that if you are under the age of 18 years, you have obtained your parent or legal guardian's consent to enter this competition. 17. You warrant and represent that all the information entered on the Application form is true and accurate. Selection Process 18. Stage 1: The Editor of The Sun will select the final six (6) from all valid entries ("Finalist(s)") on 12 August 2010. The Finalists will be notified by telephone (or email where applicable) by 13 August 2010. Finalists must confirm their attendance within 7 days of being notified, failure to do so may result in another Finalist being selected. All reasonable endeavours will be made to contact the Finalists during this time. If a Finalist cannot be contacted or is not available, Promoters reserve the right to re-select another Finalist from the eligible entries which were received before the closing date. 19. Stage 2: The Finalists will attend a workshop on 24 August 2010 and at least two mentoring sessions between 25 August 2010 and 10 September 2010 at The Sun's London office in Wapping. In the evening of the 16 September 2010 each Finalist will present their article to the panel of judges who will decide the winner no later than 17 September 2010. The Finalists will submit their final articles with the assistance of an assigned media professional mentor by 5pm on 10 September 2010. 20. Finalists will be required to provide evidence of their age. For all workshops and sessions, under 18s will need to be accompanied by a parent/guardian whose reasonable travel expenses will be paid. 21. The winner shall be notified by phone by 20 September 2010. 22. All trainers and media mentors assigned to these workshops are fully Criminal Records Bureau checked by the Creative Media Department at Media Trust. 23. The Promoter shall provide all Finalists with facilities whilst at The Sun to assist them in completing their tasks, including food and beverages when at The Sun's London office. All reasonable travel and accommodation costs incurred by Finalists, and where appropriate their parent or guardian's, attendance at the workshops and mentoring sessions shall be paid for by the Promoter, subject to prior agreement of the costs. All other costs shall be the responsibility of the Finalists. The Prize: 24. The winner will have their Column published in The Sun newspaper in the UK and a feature on their mentoring story written by a journalist at The Sun, potentially with the assistance of the winner in the autumn of 2010. Both the Column and feature dates are subject to editorial discretion and news of the day. 25. All copyright in the winner's Column and any contribution to the feature shall be assigned to News Group Newspapers Limited for the full term of copyright, which includes (but is not limited to) the right to use the Column and feature in all NGN's publications' different present and future forms e.g. print, microfilm, Braille, talking book, electronic database, e-paper, website, mobile phone, electronic device or any other facsimile or derivative versions in any medium and the right to include the Column in any book or other publication produced by NGN. The winner waives in perpetuity in respect of the Column and feature the benefits of any provision of law known as moral rights or any similar law in any country. 26. Finalists retain all rights to their final articles (save for the winner's Column), but by entering Finalists acknowledge and agree that they grant to News Group Newspapers Limited and Media Trust, its affiliates, licensees, successors and assigns a worldwide sub-licensable, perpetual, transferable, non-exclusive, royalty free licence to use in any way whatsoever including but not limited to, public performance, public display, publishing, reproduction, broadcasting, amendment or modification of the article or any part of the article, including without limitation as described in these terms and for promoting and redistributing part or all of the article in any media formats and through any media channels including partner platforms in perpetuity throughout the universe; and waive in perpetuity in respect of the final article the benefits of any provision of law known as moral rights or any similar law in any country. 27. Entrants retain all rights to their entries, but by entering entrants acknowledge and agree that they grant to News Group Newspapers Limited and Media Trust, its affiliates, licensees, successors and assigns a worldwide sub-licensable, perpetual, transferable, non-exclusive, royalty free licence to use in any way whatsoever including but not limited to, public performance, public display, publishing, reproduction, broadcasting, amendment or modification of the entry or any part of the entry, including without limitation as described in these terms and for promoting and redistributing part or all of the article in any media formats and through any media channels including partner platforms in perpetuity throughout the universe; and waive in perpetuity in respect of the final article the benefits of any provision of law known as moral rights or any similar law in any country. Data/Privacy policy 28. Uses of personal data received by NGN and The Media Trust in the course of the competition are subject to The Sun's privacy policy (found on The Sun website) and personal data are subject to the Media Trust's privacy policy (found on the Media Trust website). Finalists' and winner's names may be published on The Sun and Media Trust websites for an unspecified period. General Terms and Conditions: 29. There is no cash or other alternative to the prize stated and the prize is not transferable and no part or parts of the prize may be substituted for other benefits, items or additions. 30. The Finalists may be required to submit valid identification before taking part on the workshop and mentoring sessions. 31. The judges' decision is final and binding on the entrants. No correspondence will be entered into. 32. Promoter will not be liable for technical, hardware, or software failures of any kind or lost or unavailable network connections which may limit or prohibit an eligible entrant's ability to participate in the competition. Other than death or personal injury arising from the acts or omissions of Promoter, or their employees, Promoter will not be liable for any loss or damage arising out of the winner's enjoyment of the prize. 33. By entering, any subsequent winner and Finalists agree to allow the free use of their names, photographs and general locations for publicity and news purposes during this and future promotions by Promoter or any associated or subsidiary company of News International Limited and Media Trust. 34. Completion and submission of a registration slip or e-mail will be deemed acceptance of these terms and conditions. 35. Promoter reserves the right at any time to cancel, modify or supersede the competition (including altering prizes) if, in their sole discretion, a competition is not capable for being conducted as specified. Promoter reserves the right to substitute a prize of equal value in the event that circumstances beyond their control make this unavoidable. 36. If any provision or part of these terms I deemed void or otherwise unenforceable in law, then that provision or part shall be deemed excluded and the remainder of these terms shall remain in force. 37. The terms, the conduct of this competition and the interpretation and enforcement of these terms and conditions shall be exclusively governed and construed in accordance with the laws of England and Wales. Entrants irrevocably submit to the courts of England. 38. The Promoters of this competition are News Group Newspapers Limited at 1 Virginia Street, London E98 1RL and the Media Trust which is a registered charity (1042733) and a company limited by guarantee incorporated in England (No: 2895790). Registered Office is 2-6, Cannon Street, London, EC4M 6YH. 39. For a list of Finalists or the winner, please send a stamped envelope to Media Trust at 2nd Floor, Riverwalk House, 157-161 Millbank, London, SW1P 4RR stating for which competition you would like winners and Finalists' details. 40. Terms and Conditions printed in The Sun newspaper form a part of these terms and conditions.