

Energy is a key to the future of our Region. To achieve our Sustainable Development goals, we must solve our future energy needs by rethinking how we currently utilize the vast amount of renewable energy around us.

Renewable Energy is that which is generated from natural resources such as sunlight, wind, rain and tides. These sources are considered renewable because they replenish themselves quickly and are usually available in a never-ending supply. Energy sources such as solar, wind, hydro, geothermal and more recently, biomass are also considered renewable. In the Caribbean; solar, hydro energy and geothermal energy are seen as popular alternatives to fossil fuels.

These sources of energy keep our planet and communities safe as they play an important role in the fight against global warming by reducing greenhouse gas emissions. Unlike fossil fuels, renewable energy sources are clean, reliable and can power our homes, schools, hospitals and other vital facilities without ever coming to an end.

Children are an excellent means for spreading awareness regarding the importance of transitioning to renewables and saving energy, to their families and others around them. In addition, bringing about attitudinal and behavioral changes in young people regarding saving energy can lead them to becoming energy-conscious adults.

Parents and teachers, we invite your children and students, through art, to respond to the topic: ***“Energy, for the planet and for my community”***

Show us — through the **CARICOM Energy Month Young Energy Artist Competition.**

Eligibility

- The competition is open to all [CARICOM](#) nationals and citizens
- Participants must be age 12 and under
- Entries will only be judged if they meet the eligibility criteria
- Children and immediate families of staff of the CARICOM Secretariat and the Regional Young Energy Artist Competition Judges are not eligible to participate

Competition Stage

This will be a Regional competition taking place for all Member States. The competition will run throughout the period of CARICOM Energy Month 2017 (**Over a four (4) week period**). **Winners will be contacted at the end of January 2018.**

Entry Period

The Young Energy Artist Competition begins at **9:00 am** on **Wednesday, November 1, 2017** and **ends at 12 midnight** on **Thursday, November 30, 2017**. Entries submitted after the entry period will not be eligible.

How to Enter

- A teacher or parent must submit the entry/entries on behalf of the student
- All entries for the Regional Competition must be submitted via email
- All submissions must be e-mailed by the teacher or parent to caricom.energy@gmail.com

The e-mail submission MUST include:

- A clear, non-blurry, digital photo of the artwork
- Digital copies of the artwork may not exceed ten megabytes (10MB). Scans of artwork may be in any format – color or black and white - and must be in a *.jpeg, .jpg* or *.gif* format
- A short description of the artwork. The description should include:
 - Title of the artwork
 - Explanation of the artwork

- The full name and age of the student, school, and grade/standard level (Please check your school policy on student work being published)
 - Proof of nationality or citizenship – submit a scanned copy of **any one** of the following: (Birth certificate / Bio-data page of passport / Identification card)
 - Parent: Name, telephone number, e-mail address, mailing address
 - Teacher: Name, telephone number, e-mail address and your school address
 - A signed declaration form which requires the signature of the parent or teacher. Example of the format can be found at **Annex I**
- All participants desirous of participating in the competition must pre-register by completing the registration form found [here](#). Each entrant will receive an email of confirmation of registration from the CARICOM Energy Programme.
 - Participants are allowed a maximum of (2) entries.
 - All entries must be original and must not have been previously exhibited or published.
 - The artwork can be submitted in traditional or digital media
 - Art work can be on any medium
 - Entries cannot contain published patterns and must not have been digitally altered beyond standard optimization
 - Entries not meeting the requirement will be disqualified and removed from the competition

The CARICOM Energy Unit reserves the right to reject any additional entries or entries that it deems offensive, obscene, inappropriate, or not in compliance with the competition rules. By entering, you indicate your acceptance of the Official Rules and the decisions of the competition, which are final and binding.

Criteria & Judging

- o Winners for the Regional Competition will be selected by way of adjudication by a selected panel of esteemed judges.
- o Judging will take place during the months of December, 2017 to January, 2018.
- o Judging will be based on the following criteria:
 - Visual Impact (Overall Quality)
 - Composition/ Design (Organization of elements)
 - Craftsmanship (Made with skill of mediums and overall neatness)
 - Creativity
 - Interpretation and Relevance to the theme

Prizes

The CARICOM Secretariat will award prizes to the 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners of the Regional

Young Energy Artist Competition. Certificates of Participation will be awarded to all other entrants:

- o The parent or teacher of the 1st place winner will be awarded a prize
- o Participants placing 4th – 10th position in the competition will receive honorable mention

Competition	Category	Prize	
Young Energy Artist Competition	Ages 12 and under	Parent or Teacher	iPhone
		1 st	Pad
		2 nd	Samsung Tablet
		3 rd	Wacom Tablet

Your Rights

The CARICOM Secretariat wishes to thank you for helping to further the goals and objectives of CEM 2017 through your artwork.

- o **You will retain all rights to any artwork you submit - including ownership if applicable.**
- o If you submit an artwork, you grant the CARICOM Secretariat royalty-free, non-exclusive rights to:
 - Display the artwork on the CARICOM Secretariat [Facebook Page](#), [Twitter](#) and [Instagram](#)
 - Allow third-parties to share the artwork on the following social media platforms: Twitter, Facebook and Instagram.
- o If your artwork is formally honored by the competition as a winner you grant The CARICOM Secretariat royalty-free, nonexclusive rights, in perpetuity, to:
 - Use the artwork on the Internet and Social Media in support of its mission.
 - Use the artwork in the CARICOM Secretariat internal and external communication materials.
 - Use, in connection with the Regional Young Energy Artist Competition your name and country of residence in promotions and other publications.
 - Retain a digital copy of your artwork that will be archived in CARICOM's photo library.

Questions

Questions about competition rules and the CARICOM Energy Month can be emailed to caricom.energy@gmail.com

Annex 1

Declaration Form

Cover Page Example

Artwork Title

Name

Name of School

I declare that this artwork has been produced solely by myself and that it has not been submitted, in whole or in part, in any previous submission. Except where states otherwise by reference or acknowledgment, the work presented is entirely my own.

Student Signature _____ Date _____

Student Name

Parent/Teacher Signature _____ Date _____

Parent/Teacher Name