

PDST YOUNG ECONOMIST(S) OF THE YEAR 2021

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IDEAS AND INSPIRATION FOR YEOTY 2021

Projects may be on any area of economics. Please view previous winning entries for examples and inspiration @ <https://www.youngeconomist.ie/yeoty-archive>

EVALUATION CRITERIA

This year we will continue to promote an **inquiry-based approach** by students. While we encourage students to integrate the use of digital media into their presentations the emphasis is on the **quality of the investigation and economic analysis**. We also encourage creativity and will accept submissions in a variety of forms such as essay, report, short video/documentary, powerpoint, prezi etc. The points below are important to consider when planning and preparing your submissions.

1. Relevance

Research questions must be relevant to economics and if you are applying be considered for a special interest category such as IGEES or Central Bank of Ireland, the research question must have particular relevance to their respective remit – See Teacher CPD webinar for further details @ <https://www.youngeconomist.ie/resources> where you will also find other useful resources to share with students.

2. Sustainable Development Goals

Projects must clearly link to at least one of the Sustainable Development Goals - <https://www.un.org/sustainabledevelopment/sustainable-development-goals/>

3. Research Question & Motivation

Both the research question and motivation for choosing this question should be clearly stated and easy to understand **at the outset** of the project.

4. Data Gathering

- Secondary data must be relevant to the economic topic chosen, current and referenced accurately – see resources at [this link](#)
- Primary data must be current and relevant to the topic.

5. Analysis of Data

Students should clearly articulate the useful information discovered from the data that may be used to inform the conclusion and demonstrate support for any decision-making.

6. Findings

Should include a summary of the analysis that either answers the research question or compels deeper or further investigation.

7. Conclusion

- Restate the topic as well as explaining why it is important
- Main points summarised
- “So what” question answered - i.e. recommendations, where to next etc.

8. Presentation

The presentation should be clear, informative and engaging. Information should be accurate and referenced appropriately where relevant.

Please note: We will also have a separate “**Creativity in Economics**” category where we welcome submissions on explanations/illustrations/explorations of economic concepts that are articulated via animations, mind-map, visual presentation, poems, raps etc.

ENQUIRIES

Please email all enquiries to youngeconomist@pdst.ie

CLOSING DATE FOR RECEIPT OF ENTRIES

On or before Monday **22/03/2021 @ 6 p.m.**

SUBMISSION OF ENTRIES

Details of how to submit entries will be available on pdst.ie/youngeconomist and youngeconomist.ie after the midterm break.

THE AWARD CELEBRATION

The online award ceremony to be premiered on YouTube on the week of **May 10th 2021**

CERTIFICATION & PRIZES

All students who submit an entry will receive a certificate of participation. Gold medal winners will be shortlisted for further awards in relevant categories.

NUMBER OF ENTRIES

- Students can submit individual or group entries - student/groups can submit one entry for consideration.
- Due to school closures the 3 projects per class group is relaxed for this year but teachers are urged to use their discretion regarding submission of suitable projects for shortlisting as we have limited staff to filter projects. All students who participate at school level will receive a certificate of participation.
- Students’ submissions will be evaluated by economist and educationalists from a range of universities and economic institutions.

INTERNATIONAL ECONOMICS OLYMPIAD - <https://ecolymp.org/>

Medal winners in YEOTY 2021 and in all previous are eligible to compete for selection for the Irish International Economics Olympiad team. An email regarding the IEO competition will go to all eligible students at the end of March 2021. Further details on this will follow in early November. For further inquiries please email vladimir@laoisedcentre.ie