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The Water We Want

International Youth Contest and Award

Winners and Special Mentions of the 5th Edition (2024)

PRESS RELEASE

The Global Network of Water Museums is pleased to announce the Winners and Special Mentions of the 5th Edition of *The Water We Want*, the International Youth Contest and Award. The Water We Want (TWWW) aims at exploring our **water heritage** (natural and cultural, tangible and intangible) from the perspective of young people, inviting **students between the ages of 6 and 25** to be the **storytellers of our liquid futures**.

This year, the Global Network received more than one hundred works among drawings and other media, including videos, photographs and water songs. Water museum members across India, China, Cuba, Morocco, Italy, Spain, Ireland, The Netherlands, Slovenia, Greece, Romania, Croatia and Portugal took part in the contest. All the works shortlisted by the museums feature in the online digital exhibition available at thewaterwewant.watermuseums.net.

In light of the urgent challenges posed by pollution, waste, and climate change, it is crucial that we collectively raise awareness about and safeguard the invaluable diversity of freshwater ecosystems. *The Water We Want* initiative serves as an empowering platform for young people to share their aspirations, concerns, and captivating local water narratives. We invite you to visit our website to explore the exceptional creativity showcased in all the submitted works, including the outstanding winners and special mentions.

The Water We Want is organised by the Global Network of Water Museums, a flagship initiative of UNESCO-IHP (Intergovernmental Hydrological Programme) to explore our rich and multifaceted water heritage from the perspective of young people and promote a new water culture on a global scale. The 5th Edition was **supported by Autonomous Province of Trento**, Italy.



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The 6 Winners and 6 Special Mentions awarded by the jury for the 5th Edition are:

DRAWINGS: 6-9 years old

WINNER: *The Source of Everything* by Lu Yuetian, Zhongshan Primary School, China. Submitted by National Water Museum of China.

SPECIAL MENTION *Protecting the Earth and Revering Life* by Xue Zhiqiao, Best Bilingual Primary School, China. Submitted by Yellow River Museum, China.

DRAWINGS: 10-12 years old

WINNER: *Every River is...* by 4A and 4B, Primary School C. Gardan School. Submitted by Water Museum of Venice, Italy.

SPECIAL MENTION *There is Rain in my Heart* by Edier Yoan Diñeiro Aguilera. Escuela Primaria Jorge Soto Rosabal. Submitted by Albear Aqueduct Museum / National Institute of Hydraulic Resources, Cuba.

DRAWINGS: 13-18 years old

WINNER: *Protect Our Surrounding Environment!* by Sujan Sardar, Bamanghata High School. Submitted by Living Waters Museum, India.

SPECIAL MENTION *Tears of the Earth* by Anca Sarah, Școala Gimnazială "Horea, Cloșca și Crișan" Turda. Submitted by Water Museum Leonida Truță, Romania.

ALL OTHER MEDIA: 10-12 years old

WINNER: *River for Future* by GLOBE Group, Elementary School Banija. Submitted by Aquatika Freshwater Aquarium Karlovac, Croatia.

SPECIAL MENTION *A Drop of Water* by First Grade of Middle School, Afwaj School. Submitted by Musée Mohammed VI – Aman, Morocco.

[ALL OTHER MEDIA: 13-18 years old](#)

WINNER: *The Water Source* by Letícia da Cunha Leitão Ferreira, Escola Secundária de Santo André, Barreiro. Submitted by Lisbon Water Museum, Portugal.

SPECIAL MENTION *Water Is Life: Conserve, Preserve, Deserve* by 3A, I.C. Strigno e Tesino, Castel Ivano. Submitted by Autonomous Province of Trento.

[ALL OTHER MEDIA: 19-25 years old](#)

WINNER: *Immortality from Water* by Mihai Casian Dragoi, Liceul Tehnologic Energetic Dragomir Hurmuzescu. Submitted by Aquapic, Romania.

SPECIAL MENTION *Upon the Arid Earth, We Sense the Subtle Breath of the Water* by Qiu Zhen, Tianjin Academy of Fine Arts, Hangzhou City. Submitted by National Water Museum of China.

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