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The Water We Want

International Youth Contest and Award

Winners and Special Mentions of the 4th Edition (2023)

PRESS RELEASE

The Global Network of Water Museums is pleased to announce the Winners and Special Mentions of the 4th 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 18** to be the **storytellers of our liquid futures**.

This year, the Global Network received almost one hundred works among drawings, videos and other media, including photographs and water songs. Water museum members across India, China, Cuba, Morocco, Italy, Spain, The Netherlands, 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.

The remarkable creativity, profound sensitivity, and exceptional caliber of the submitted works exemplify the multifaceted nature, profound richness, and inherent fragility of our precious water heritage. In light of the urgent challenges posed by pollution, waste, and climate change, it is imperative that we collectively address these pressing issues to mitigate the global water crises 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 4th Edition was **supported by HYDRA Waterfalls Museum**, Italy.



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The 6 Winners and 10 Special Mentions awarded by the jury for the 4th Edition are:

DRAWINGS: 6 -12 years old

WINNER: *Cherish the Source of Life* by Guo Yufei. Huayuankou Primary School, Zhengzhou, China. Submitted by Yellow River Museum.

SPECIAL MENTION 'Water Is Life': *Blue Treasure* by Kelly Medina. José Martí, Villa Clara (Quemado de Güines), Cuba. Submitted by Albear Aqueduct Museum, Cuba.

SPECIAL MENTION 'The Value of Water': *We Never Know the Worth of the Water till the Well is Dry* by Firdaous Ouzzat. Les Iris, Marrakech, Morocco. Submitted by Musée Mohammed VI - Aman, Marrakech.

SPECIAL MENTION 'The Human-Water Connection': *Search for Fish* by Zhao Yian. Hangzhou Chovan Century City Experimental School, Hangzhou, China. Submitted by National Water Museum of China.

SPECIAL MENTION 'Protecting Biodiversity': *Joy of Fish* by KeXin Xu. Chang Yin Art School Fuling, Chongqing, China. Submitted by Baiheliang Underwater Museum, Chongqing.

DRAWINGS: 13-18 years old

WINNER: *The Source of Life* by Kiraly Antonia. "Pavel Dan" Theoretical High School, Campia Turzii, Romania. Submitted by Water Museum "Leonida Truta".

SPECIAL MENTION 'Water Is Life': *Precious Wonders Of Fresh Water* by Shreshtha Halder. Bidya Bharati Girls High School, Kolkata, India. Submitted by Living Waters Museum, India.

SPECIAL MENTION 'The Water We Want': *The Fairy of the Waters* by Crisan Nicoleta. National College "Mihai Eminescu", Targu Mures, Romania. Submitted by House of Water, Romania.

VIDEOS: 6 -12 years old

WINNER: *Water to Save? Let's Do It at School!* by Class 5B. Primary School Dante Alighieri, Mogliano Veneto, Italy. Submitted by Water Museum of Venice/Consiglio di Bacino 'Laguna di Venezia', Italy.

SPECIAL MENTION 'The Future of Water': *Astro- "Mission 360° – Healthy Planet – ODS 12"* by : 3rd Grade. CED Nossa Senhora da Conceição (Casa Pia), Lisbon, Portugal. Submitted by Lisbon Water Museum, Portugal.

VIDEOS: 13-18 years old

WINNER: : *Tears of Water* by Yu Binbin. Zhejiang Medical Technology School, Hangzhou, China. Submitted by National Water Museum of China.

SPECIAL MENTION 'Preventing Water Pollution': *A Long Drawing on Water* by Class 1C. Gymnasium Brezice, Brezice, Slovenia. Submitted by Posavje Museum Brežice, Slovenia.

SPECIAL MENTION 'Preventing Water Pollution': *Another Water Story* by Class 7E. "Ioan Bob" Gymnasium School, Cluj, Romania. Submitted by Water Museum "Leonida Truta", Cluj-Napoca.

[ALL OTHER MEDIA: 6 -12 years old](#)

WINNER: *Save the Rivers!* by Adreet Roy, Aarish Mukherjee, Aarshi Pal, Khushima Saha. Indus Valley World School, Kolkata, India. Submitted by Living Waters Museum.

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

WINNER: *Looking for Myself* by Classroom 3A. I.I.S.S. Enrico Giannelli, Parabita (LE), Italy. Submitted by Paesi dell'Acqua, Italy.

SPECIAL MENTION 'The Future of Water': *Connection Between Humans and Nature* by Moisin Raluca. Secondary School, Hodac, Romania. Submitted by House of Water, Romania.

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