



## **Green-Schools Marine Spatial Planning Secondary Schools Photography Competition 2026 Terms and Conditions**

- **Theme:** All entries should be inspired by the competition theme: *“Sea Through Your Lens”*
- **Eligibility:** This competition is open to **secondary school students** and teenage youth-group members of registered Green-Schools who are currently working on, or have already been awarded the Green Flag for, the Global Citizenship Marine Environment theme. The submitted entry must not have been/be entered into other photography competitions in 2026 or have previously placed/won a photography competition.
- **Permissions:** All entrants must have the permission of a parent/guardian to enter. Entrants confirm they are the sole author of the work and it is their original entry. They own the copyright and all other intellectual property rights to each image. They have the permission of anyone featured in the image (or in the case of under 18s, the consent of the parent or primary guardian). While copyright remains with the entrant, it is a condition of entering that the image may be used by An Taisce’s Green-Schools programme and the sponsoring Department (Department of Climate, Energy and the Environment) for press, promotion and Departmental publications.
- **Ethics:** It is imperative that wild animals and their breeding places are respected and not disturbed by photography. Please refer to the National Parks and Wildlife Website for further information.
- **Copyright:** The photograph submitted must be original and created entirely by the entrant. Any copied, traced, or plagiarised or AI generated work will be disqualified.
- **Submission:** Entries must be submitted by email to [marine@greenschoolsireland.org](mailto:marine@greenschoolsireland.org) and must be accompanied by a completed entry form, which can be downloaded from <https://greenschoolsireland.org/marine-spatial-planning-photography-competition-2026/>. Entries must be accompanied by a short (50 - 100 word) description, outlining the inspiration for the photograph and its relevance to the competition theme. Students can submit entries on their behalf, but all further correspondence after entry will be with their teacher or Green-Schools coordinator. Please use the subject line “Photo Competition” when emailing your entries.
- **Closing date:** Entries must be received by **midnight Friday 20<sup>th</sup> November, 2026**.
- **Judging:** An independent panel of judges will select the winning entries and allocate awards. The decision of the Judging Panel is final, and no correspondence will be entered into regarding that decision.
- **Notification:** Winners will be notified by email to the relevant teacher or Green-Schools Coordinator.
- **Publicity:** Winners may be asked to take part in competition publicity including being photographed by the media. Photographs of the winners will not be shared publicly without consent from the parents or guardians.
- **Departmental Publications:** The sponsoring Department (The Department of Climate, Energy and the Environment) reserves the right to use the photographs submitted by the winning entries in future Departmental publications or media. The winners names and school addresses may also be used for these purposes.

### **Entry Rules:**

- **Number of Entries:** Individual students can submit a **maximum of 10 original entries**.
- **Format and size:** Digital or analogue photography is permitted, including phone camera entries. Entries must be in digital format for submission and must be a **minimum of 2MP** in size.
- **Prizes and awards ceremony:** One national winner and two runner up winners will be selected. The winners will be expected to attend a prize-giving ceremony in February 2027. The national winner will receive a trophy, €100 One4All voucher and €250 for their school to go towards the Green-Schools Committee. 2<sup>nd</sup> place will receive €75 One4All voucher and 3<sup>rd</sup> place will receive a €50 One4All voucher. All winners will receive a certificate, an overnight stay for the winning student + their parent(s) or guardian(s), in a shared room, the night before the prize-giving ceremony, at the venue, and a professionally framed copy of their photo (print size will depend on image quality). Prizes are subject to change at the discretion of An Taisce/ The Department of Climate, Energy and the Environment. Prizes are non-transferrable.

**The competition rules may not be changed and will be strictly applied. Entry to the competition(s) constitutes full and unconditional acceptance of these Terms & Conditions.**

For queries relating to the competitions, please contact [marine@greenschoolsireland.org](mailto:marine@greenschoolsireland.org) or phone 087 1861242.

## Comórtas Grianghrafadóireachta do Mheánscoileanna 2026

- **Téama:** Ba chóir go mbeadh gach iontráil bunaithe ar théama an chomórtais: *“An Fharraige trí mo shúile”*
- **Cáilitheacht:** Tá an comórtas seo oscailte do **dhaltaí meánscoile** agus déagóirí mar bhaill de ghrúpa óglaigh a bhfuil cláirithe leis na Scoileanna Glasa agus a bhfuil ag obair faoi láthair ar an téama Muirthimpeallacht na Saoránachta Domhanda nó a bhfuil an Brat Glas Muirí bronnta orthu cheana féin. Níor cheart an iontráil seo a bheith curtha isteach i gcomórtas grianghrafadóireachta eile in 2026 nó comórtas grianghrafadóireachta bheith buaite acu leis roimhe sin.
- **Ceadanna:** Caithfidh cead tuismitheora/caomhnóra a bheith ag gach iontrálaí chun dul isteach. Deimhníonn na hiontrálaithe gurb iad an t-aon údar amháin atá leis an saothar agus gurb é a n-iontráil bhunaidh é. Is leo an cóipcheart agus gach ceart maoine intleachtúla eile ar gach íomhá. Tá cead acu ó dhuine ar bith atá le feiceáil san íomhá (nó i gcás daoine faoi bhun 18 mbliana d'aois, toiliú an tuismitheora nó an phríomhchaomhnóir). Cé go bhfanann cóipcheart leis an iontrálaí, is coinníoll é go bhféadfaidh clár Scoileanna Glasa An Taisce agus an Roinn urraíochta (An Roinn Comhshaoil, Aeráide agus Cumarsáide) an íomhá a úsáid le haghaidh foilseachán preasa, cur chun cinn agus Roinne.
- **Eitic:** Tá sé rithábhachtach go n-urramaítear ainmhithe fiáine agus a ngnáthóg pórúcháin agus nach gcuireann an ghrianghrafadóireacht isteach orthu. Féach ar an láithreán gréasáin Páirceanna Náisiúnta agus Fiadhúlra chun tuilleadh eolais a fháil.
- **Cóipcheart:** Caithfidh an grianghraf a chuirtear isteach a bheith bunaidh agus cruthaithe go hiomlán ag an iontrálaí. Dícháiolfar aon obair a cóipeáladh, a rianáidh, a ndearnadh bradaíl nó ginte ag intleacht shaorga.
- **Taisceadh:** Ní mór iontrálacha a sheoladh isteach chugainn thar roimhphost go [marine@greenschoolsireland.org](mailto:marine@greenschoolsireland.org) agus i dteannta foirm iarratais, a faightear <https://greenschoolsireland.org/marine-spatial-planning-photography-competition-2026/>. Ní mór cur síos gearr (50 – 100 focal) a bheith ag gabháil le hiontrálacha, ina leagtar amach an inspioráid don ghrianghraf agus a ábhartha atá sé do théama an chomórtais. Is féidir le daltaí a n-iontrála a chur isteach ar a son féin, ach beidh gach teagmhál ina ndiaidh lena múinteoirí nó comhordaitheoir na scoileanna glasa. Le bhur dtoil, Usáidigí an líne ábhair “Comórtas Grianghrafadóireachta” nuair a cuirfeadh isteach.
- **Dáta deiridh:** Ní mór iontrálacha a bheith faighte faoi mheán oíche, Dé hAoine an 20<sup>ú</sup> Samhain 2026.
- **Moltóireacht:** Roghnóidh painéal neamhspleách breithiúna na hiontrálacha buaiteacha agus leithdháilfidh siad Gradaim. Is cinneadh críochnaitheach é cinneadh an Phainéil Breithiúna, agus ní dhéanfar aon chomhfheargas maidir leis an gcinneadh sin.
- **Fógra:** Cuirfeadh na buaiteoirí ar an eolas trí ríomhphost chuig an múinteoir ábhartha nó chuig Comhordaitheoir na Scoileanna Glasa.
- **Poiblíocht:** D'fhéadfadh sé go n-iarrfaí ar bhuaiteoirí páirt a ghlacadh i bpoiblíocht an chomórtais, lena n-áirítear grianghraf a ghlacadh de na meáin. Ní roinnfeadh grianghraif de na buaiteoirí go poiblí riamh gan toiliú sonrach na dtuismitheoirí nó na gcaomhnóirí.
- **Foilsíú na Roinne:** Tá cead ag an Roinn urraithe (na Roinne Comhshaoil, Aeráide agus Cumarsáide) na griangraifeanna a bhúann a úsáid sa todhchaí le haghaidh poibleacht nó meáin na Roinne. Is féidir leo ainm an buathóra agus na scoile a úsáid chun foilsithe sa todhchaí chomh maith.

### Rialacha Iontrála:

- **Líon na n-iontrálacha:** Is féidir le dalta aonair **10 n-iontráil bhunaidh ar a mhéad** a chur isteach.
- **Formáid agus méid:** Ceadáitear grianghrafadóireacht dhigiteach nó analógach, lena n-áirítear iontrálacha ceamara teileafóin. Ní mór na hiontrálacha a bheith i bhformáid dhigiteach lena gcur isteach agus ní mór méid **2MP ar a laghad** a bheith iontu.
- **Duaiseanna agus searmanas bronnta:** Roghnófar buaiteoir náisiúnta amháin agus beirt buaiteoir táinisteach. Beifear ag súil go bhfreastalóidh an buaiteoir ar shearmanas bronnta duaiseanna i mí Feabhra 2027. Gheofaí an buaiteoir náisiúnta corn, dearbhán €100 One4All agus €250 do scoil an bhuaiteora chun dul i dtreo Choiste na Scoileanna Glasa. Gheofaí an buaiteoir an dara háit dearbhán €75 One4All. Gheofaí an buaiteoir an tríú háit dearbhán €50 One4All. Gheofaí gach buaiteoir teastas, fanacht thar oíche don dalta buaiteach + a t(h)uismitheoir(i) nó a c(h)aomhnóir(i), i seomra roinnte, an oíche roimh an searmanas bronnta duaise, ag an ionad agus cóip atá frámaithe go gairmiúil dá ngrianghraf (beidh méid an chlóg ag brath ar cháiliúocht na híomhá). Féadfar duaiseanna a athrú de rogha an Taisce / na Roinne Comhshaoil, Aeráide agus Cumarsáide. Tá duaiseanna neamh-inaistrithe.

Ní fhéadfar rialacha an chomórtais a athrú agus cuirfeadh i bhfeidhm go docht iad. Is ionann iontráil sa chomórtas/sna comórtais agus glacadh iomlán agus neamhchoinníollach leis na Téarmaí & Coinníollacha seo. Má tá ceisteanna agat faoi na comórtais, déan teagmháil ag

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