

I live by the Sea International Youth Photo and Film Contest 2021

The idea behind this project involves a worldwide contest for young persons up to the age of 21. The contest will be held in four age categories:

1. 5 to 12,
2. 13 to 15,
3. 16 to 18,
4. 19 to 21.

In this edition of the Contest we expect from participants to use any type of visual arts to present a story of "their sea". Therefore, we will have two categories, Photo and Film. Participants may submit photos or short films, along with a short text, which will describe the story. In the films we accept any form of artistic expression, from a documentary, to feature, or theatre play, through pantomime, dance or a song. We will take into consideration not only the photo or a film but also a relevant description of a region, a special feature of the place, an explanation of the depicted subject, etc.

This project is based on the previous experience of a "I live by the Sea" contest co-organized by Today We Have in 2017 (www.todaywehave.com). Just like in the previous edition, our goal is to spread and share knowledge about marine environments and marine protection issues, as well as the exchange of information among users of different seas and marine oriented regions.

Through their participation we hope to involve youth from different natural and cultural heritage backgrounds to share their views on marine issues in a creative way.

All works submitted will be reviewed by a panel of International Judges.

Due to a variety of options for contestants the panel involves experts from a number of art and science areas:

1. **Faidra Bazigou**, Greece, Communicator, Indigo-Med,
2. **Colin Campbell**, UK, Associate Professor in Second Language Education at the University of Reading in southern England,
3. **Denni Chamberlin**, USA, Pulitzer Prize-winning photojournalist and Associate Professor of Journalism at Iowa State University,
4. **Kajetan Deja**, Poland, Oceanographer at the Institute of Oceanology Polish Academy of Sciences,
5. **Carlos Garcia-Soto**, Spanish, Director of a Global Change Unit in the Spanish Institute of Oceanography and Professor of Satellite Oceanography in the University of the Basque Country,



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6. **Andreea-Stefania Ionascu**, Romania, Psychologist and the Coordinator of the Education&Volunteering Department in Mare Nostrum NGO,
7. **Izabela Kotynska-Zielinska**, Poland, Project coordinator I live by the Sea Project, expert in informal education and science promotor, Today We Have,
8. **Heike Lippert**, Germany, Marine biologist, University of Rostock,
9. **Lauren Noakes**, UK, Senior Communications Officer at the UK's National Oceanography Centre,
10. **Christine Santora**, USA, Assistant Director at the Institute for Ocean Conservation Science at Stony Brook University,
11. **Leal Zielinska**, USA, Dancer at the Gibney Dance Company New York, educator throug dance,
12. **Tymon Zielinski**, Poland, Associate Profesor, Deputy Director for Communication and Education at the Institute of Oceanology Polish Academy of Sciences, UN expert in marine issues, educator,
13. **Margherita Zorgno**, Portugal, Science Officer at EurOcean.

Best photos, films and stories will be presented as a part of the EU4Ocean celebrations of the World Oceans Day 2021. Depending on the COVID-19 situation, a potential outdoor exhibition may be organized.

Contest timeline:

Submission of works (1 photo or 1 film plus text) by **31 March 2021**.

Announcement of the results **8 June 2021**.

All information:

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