

Writing Stories About Tolerance A Worldwide Student Contest

Initiated by The Oslo Coalition on Freedom of Religion or Belief

The Oslo Coalition hereby announces a Worldwide Contest for Children and Youth (age 12 - 25) on writing stories about tolerance! Some of the stories will be selected for publishing, and the writers of the best stories will be rewarded.

A group of experts in the field of literature, education, human rights and interfaith dialogue has been established, and will advise the Oslo Coalition about the selection of stories. Your institution is hereby encouraged to organize a stories contest within your membership/network, in your region or institution. We also ask you to send the best, most original and/or most inspiring stories, fictional and non-fictional, written by the youngsters to the Oslo Coalition secretariat, so that we can include them in the final selection of stories to be published, and make a choice of which writers that will receive rewards for their work. We particularly welcome stories addressing tolerance in relation with religion or belief.

The stories should be between 500 - 2000 words and can be written in English, French, German, Spanish or Arabic and must be sent to the Oslo Coalition marked Stories on Tolerance within April 1st. 2004:

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All students involved with LVEP are kindly requested to also email their stories to content@livingvalues.net. If you wish, just email your stories to us and we will send them to Norway for you.

The stories contest is part of the work by the Oslo Coalition and partner institutions to ensure the follow-up of the Consultative Conference on School Education in Relation with Tolerance, Non-Discrimination and Freedom of Religion or Belief, held in Madrid November 23. - 25, 2001. For more information about this "Teaching for Tolerance and Freedom of Religion or Belief" project, see the Oslo Coalition web-page: Oslocoalition.org.