



Very Short Article Competition: “Away with Discrimination and Hatred”

Write a 500 word article that answers the following questions:

- What would you do to counter discrimination?
- How will you engage hatred and intolerance to become an agent of change?
- How will you become part of the solution?

The four best entries will be awarded £200, £150, £100, and £50 respectively.

Entries must be submitted to racial.justice@urc.org.uk or Racial Justice and Multicultural Ministry, Racial Justice and Multicultural Ministry, United Reformed Church, 86 Tavistock Place, London, WC1H 9RT by **31st May 2012**.

The top entries will be announced in September 2012, and all entrants will receive a certificate of recognition for participating in the award.

For this competition please use the following definition:

Discrimination is any act of prejudice or intolerance perpetrated upon one individual by another; a group against an individual; or one group against another group.

Rules:

- Prizes are only for entrants aged between 11-25 years as of 31st December 2011. Entries from individuals not in this age range are welcomed but not eligible for a prize.
- This article should not be a fictitious story.
- **This is a strict upper word limit of 500 words** (not counting any necessary footnotes).
- The article’s title is “Away with Discrimination and Hatred”.
- It should be an original piece, free of plagiarism.
- Quotations or copyrighted material used in the essay must be identified properly through foot/endnotes and references.
- The real name of any person referred in essay must not be used. Use only a pseudonym in the first usage (for e.g. “Mary, not her real name”).
- All entries must be typed, double spaced, 12pt. font type. Handwritten entries will not be accepted. Do not use script, italicized, bold-faced type or decorative fonts.
- The full name, age and contact details of author must be included.
- Do not include graphics or photographs.
- Entries that are incomplete, submitted after the deadline or do not comply with contest guidelines will not be accepted.

What will happen to the articles?

These will be held by the Office of Racial Justice and Multicultural Ministry and with FURY and will be made available to the wider United Reformed Church and the public through an online publication. The essay would be copyrighted to the author, with permission for any reprinting to be requested from the United Reformed Church.

Who are the sponsors?

Away with Discrimination and Hatred is a sponsored by the Fellowship of United Reformed Youth (FURY) and the Racial Justice and Multicultural Ministry (RJMM) of the United Reformed Church. We hope that this initiative will promote discussion among young people about various forms of hatred, intolerance and discrimination, how they can take a stand for change and strengthen young people’s problem-solving, writing skills and the habit of empathy for others.