Andrews Lees Prize Article Competition 2017

UKELA is pleased to announce its annual article competition - “The Andrew Lees Prize”.

Andrew Lees was the Campaigns Director for Friends of the Earth and a leading environmental campaigner on a range of issues from water pollution to illegal waste dumping. He died suddenly in 1994 while on a working holiday in Madagascar campaigning against a large opencast mine.

Article Question

'Brexit - threat or opportunity for the environment?'

OR

A topic of your choice that is relevant to UK Environmental Law

If you choose to submit an article on the topic of your choice, you may have prepared this, or a version of this, for another purpose, but it must have been researched and written after 1st January 2017. We may ask to see evidence of this.

Date for submission

Entries must be submitted between:

- 14th March 2017, and
- midday on 26th April 2017.

Prize

The winner will receive:

- a free place at UKELA’s Annual Conference at the University of Nottingham on 7th to 9th July 2017 (including travel expenses from within the UK)

The winner will also have their article published in UKELA’s journal e-law and on the UKELA website.
Who can enter?

The competition is open to any student, trainee solicitor, pupil or solicitor / barrister with not more than 2 years' post qualification experience.

Essay requirements

Word Length: minimum of 1,000 words and a maximum 2,500 words, including quotes and footnotes but not tables or diagrams. No bibliography is needed.

The number of words should appear at the end of the article. If the article text exceeds 2,500 words your entry will be disqualified.

How to submit your entry

All articles and entry forms must be submitted electronically.

Please do not put your name or institution on your essay - your contact details should be included on the entry form only.

Your essay and the entry form should be forwarded by email to Elly-Mae Gadsby <elly-mae@ukela.org> between 14th March 2017 and midday on 26th April 2017. Any entries arriving after this time will be disqualified.

Judges

The judges have been appointed by UKELA Council and their decision on all matters relating to the competition is final. The winner will be announced by the end of May 2017.

Marking guidelines

The judges are looking for:

- An interesting and engaging essay
- a well-structured argument
- a good understanding and analysis of relevant environmental law
- a well written and researched essay with accurate citations