

## Contest

ActionAid is launching a Contest for young journalists and content creators, aged 18 to 35 years old. The subject-matter is refugee and migrant integration in the social, economic, cultural and political life of Greece.

## Contest Outline

In these times of extreme polarisation and xenophobia, not much is being said about the integration and positive daily contribution of immigrants and refugees. In today's Greece, examples of their entry, inclusion and integration in society that actually become known to the broader public are few and far between. As such, contestants are invited to showcase stories, practices, examples and policies of women's, men's and children's integration, aiming to advocate social cohesion in our country's local communities.

ActionAid's vision - and a core pillar of its activity - is a society in which every person enjoys social, civil and economic rights, while also fulfilling their responsibilities as active global citizens. To this end, raising awareness and ensuring the participation and education of the broader public constitute strategic objectives of our organisation. Journalists and content creators play a vital role in informing society and shaping opinions. With this Contest, ActionAid is hoping to give prominence to positive examples of our fellow citizens' integration.

## Contest Duration

The Contest will last from Tuesday, 10 September 2019, up until Sunday, 13 October 2019, at midnight.

## Contest Participation Rights

Only natural persons aged 18 to 35 years old (as at the date of the Contest's opening) - regardless of nationality - have the right to participate in this Contest. It is not mandatory for contestants to hold a degree in journalism or some similar degree from either a private or a public institution. **It is mandatory for contestants to own valid travelling documents for travelling within the EU and to have a good knowledge of English.** Each contestant has the right to submit one entry. People from vulnerable groups are particularly encouraged to submit their entries.

## Types of Entries

For this Contest, it is possible to submit texts totalling from 500 to 1,000 words, in one of the following forms: news report, journalistic investigation, editorial, blog post/personal narrative.

Texts can be submitted in either Greek or English at [contest.hellas@actionaid.org](mailto:contest.hellas@actionaid.org). Previously published texts that meet the above criteria may also be submitted, provided they have been published within the past year.

Entries including racist, sexist or homophobic content will be rejected. In the event of pictures or interviews taken, it is imperative to ensure the consent of the person(s) exposed and that their privacy is not breached.

## Jury

The jury will award prizes based on the entries' innovation, angle of approach, research and message clarity. The jury consists of:

- Anna Kynthia Bousdoukou, *CEO iMEdD, Executive Director "SNF Dialogues", Journalist*
- Christos Demetis, *Managing Editor News247.gr*
- Gerasimos Kouvaras, *General Director, ActionAid Hellas*
- Elvira Krithari, *Editor-In-Chief, WeSolomon*
- Betty Tsakarestou, *Associate Professor and Head of the Advertising & Public Relations Lab (#ADandpR-LAB) of the Department of Communication, Media and Culture, Panteion University*

## Prizes

The Contest's **first Prize** is one participation in a week-long [ActionAid solidarity trip](#). During the trip, the winner will have the unique opportunity to create content on the fight against poverty and on human rights. The trip is scheduled to take place during the first half of 2020.

The **second Prize** will send the top 12 Contest participants (including the winner of the first Prize) to an ethical journalism workshop, co-organised by the Austrian Platform for Journalism and Development Policy and the FH Wien University of Applied Sciences in Vienna. This workshop will consist of 5 modules. The first module will take place in Vienna on **8-10 November, with ActionAid financing all expenses for all participants**. The three subsequent modules will be held online and the last one will be hosted at ActionAid's offices in Athens. No prior journalistic experience is required for people to participate in this workshop. Attendance certificates will be given.

All entries submitted by the 12 winners will be posted on ActionAid's website. Previously published texts will be posted with a clear mention of the original source.

## Terms of Contest

Winners will be announced on ActionAid's website on 23 October 2019; they will also receive private notification by email at the electronic address indicated in their Submission Form.

All prizes are personal and cannot be exchanged with money. In the event that a winner declines to accept the prize or shows negligence with respect to the completion of the ethical journalism workshop or fails to provide the necessary documents, ActionAid reserves the right to transfer the prize to the first runner-up.

ActionAid may cancel the Contest, modify its terms or alter its dates and deadlines - on serious grounds - and shall not be held liable if, due to reasons originating in an event constituting force majeure, it is unable to fulfil its obligations regarding the prize.

ActionAid employees, their first and second degree relatives, either by blood or affinity, and the spouses thereof are exempted from participating in the Contest.

**Use of Personal Data**

By participating in the Contest, the participant is construed as providing his/her explicit and full consent to having his/her personal data entered in a register to be kept by ActionAid, in accordance with the provisions of Law 2472/1997, as applicable. Each participant reserves the right to ask the Organisation in writing to erase his/her personal data from the aforementioned register.

Contest participants provide their consent and authorise ActionAid to advertise the Contest and its outcome, as well as any photographic or video material in which they may be present, via radio broadcasts, written and electronic media and/or the Internet.

Participation in the Contest presupposes and entails the unreserved acceptance of all Contest terms and conditions.