

Jamaica’s Young Voices: SDG Creative Expression Competition

Competition Overview:

This competition invites primary and secondary school students to showcase their understanding of Jamaica’s sustainable development journey through creative expression. Winning entries will be featured in Jamaica’s official Third Voluntary National Review (VNR) report to the United Nations.

Jamaica’s Young Voices: Sustainable Development Goals Creative Expression Competition is a nationwide initiative by the Planning Institute of Jamaica (PIOJ) in partnership with e-Learning Jamaica. The PIOJ acts as the data controller and will handle all personal information in accordance with applicable data protection laws. No personal data beyond what is necessary for programme administration and recognition will be collected or disclosed.

All schools, through the Principal will be required to confirm that they have obtained written consent from the parent or legal guardian of each participating student. The consent shall be for the use of the student’s name, age, image, school name, and artwork in promotional materials, publications, and recognition events related to the programme. Parents or guardians may withdraw consent at any time prior to the submission deadline by notifying the school in writing or via email to privacy@pioj.com. If you have any questions about the competition, contact the Sustainable Development Goals Secretariat of the Planning Institute of Jamaica at sdgsjamaica@pioj.gov.jm or 876-960-9339, Ext: 5086.

Competition Guidelines:

For Track One (Cover Design):	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Submit original artwork in digital format (high resolution scan or digital creation) size 8.5” x 17” • Accepted formats: JPEG, PNG (not transparent) in the maximum file size (no compression) • Include a brief written explanation (100–300 words) describing your design and how it represents Jamaica’s SDG journey • Artwork should be suitable for a professional publication cover.
For Track Two (Vision Stories)	<p>Primary Division: 300–600 words Lower Secondary Division: 600–1,000 words Upper Secondary Division: 1,000–1,500 words</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Submit in PDF format • Stories should be original, creative, and demonstrates understanding of SDG themes • Include a brief author biography (50 words max)
General Requirements for All Submissions:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All work must be original and created by the student. Teacher guidance is encouraged • Include student’s full name, grade, school, and contact information • Include teacher’s name and contact information • Submissions must be in English • Work should reflect Jamaican context and experiences and articulate well-reasoned visions for Jamaica’s future with deeper exploration of complex issues.

Important Dates:

- Competition Period:** September–December 2025
- Submission Deadline:** December 19, 2025

SCHOOL INFORMATION: *Entries **must be** submitted through the respective schools.*

School Name	<input type="text"/>
Address line 1	<input type="text"/>
Address line 2	<input type="text"/>
Principal's Name	<input type="text"/>
Email Address	<input type="text"/>
Contact Number	<input type="text"/>

COMPETITION COORDINATOR DETAILS: *The details should be of the teacher responsible for coordinating the schools' participation in the competition.*

Teacher/Coordinator's Name	<input type="text"/>
Position/Title:	<input type="text"/>
Email Address	<input type="text"/>
Phone Number	<input type="text"/>
Alternative Contact (if applicable)	<input type="text"/>
Position/Title:	<input type="text"/>
Email Address	<input type="text"/>
Phone Number	<input type="text"/>

PARTICIPATION INTENTIONS:

- *Students are required to submit their entries to their respective school, for approval and uploading to the dedicated platform.*

Primary Schools can submit:

- *Track One: Up to 3 cover designs*
- *Track Two: Up to 3 stories*
- *School Total: Maximum 6 submissions*

High Schools can submit:

- Track One: Up to 6 cover designs (3 from Grades 7–9; 3 from Grades 10–13)
- Track Two: Up to 6 stories (3 from Grades 7–9; 3 from Grades 10–13)
- School Total: Maximum 12 Submissions

Track One: VNR Cover Design Challenge

- Yes, our school will participate in Track One.
- No, our school will not participate in Track One.

Number of Students Participating in Track One:

- Primary Division (Grades 4–6): _____ Students.
- Lower Secondary Division (Grades 7–9): _____ Students.
- Upper Secondary Division (Grades 10–13): _____ Students.

Track Two: Jamaica 2030+ Vision Stories

- Yes, our school will participate in Track Two.
- No, our school will not participate in Track Two.

Estimated Number of Students Participating in Track Two:

- Primary Division (Grades 4–6): _____ students.
- Lower Secondary Division (Grades 7–9): _____ students.
- Upper Secondary Division (Grades 10–13): _____ students.

Total Participants: _____ students.

STUDENT INFORMATION

Please provide details for all students who will be participating in the competition. This information helps us prepare recognition materials.

If you have more than 6 participants, please attach additional sheets using the format below.

STUDENT 1

Name

Grade

Track Participation

- Track One (Cover Design)
- Track Two (Vision Stories)
- Both Tracks

STUDENT 2

Name

Grade

Track Participation

- Track One (Cover Design)
- Track Two (Vision Stories)
- Both Tracks

STUDENT 3

Name

Grade

Track Participation

- Track One (Cover Design)
- Track Two (Vision Stories)
- Both Tracks

STUDENT 4

Name

Grade

Track Participation

- Track One (Cover Design)
- Track Two (Vision Stories)
- Both Tracks

STUDENT 5

Name

Grade

Track Participation

- Track One (Cover Design)
- Track Two (Vision Stories)
- Both Tracks

STUDENT 6

Name

Grade

Track Participation

- Track One (Cover Design)
- Track Two (Vision Stories)
- Both Tracks

VERIFICATION STATEMENT:

I, the undersigned Principal/Head of _____, hereby verify and confirm that:

- We understand and, agree to comply with all competition guidelines, and submission requirements as outlined above.
- We understand that student participation is voluntary and that we will ensure appropriate consent processes are followed for all participants.
- We understand that the judges’ decision is final.
- We, hereby confirm that we have gained consent from parent or legal guardian for the use of the students name, age, image, school name, and artwork in promotional materials, publications, and recognition events related to the programme.

This verification serves as our official commitment to participate in this important national initiative that engages our students with Jamaica’s sustainable development journey.

Principal’s Name:

Principal’s Signature:

School’s Official Stamp: