



YES
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**PHOTOGRAPHY
COMPETITION**



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Announcing a photography competition for International Epilepsy Day 2016

Photography used to be regarded as a hobby, with cameras taken out of their cases to capture special occasions. In recent years taking a photo (or numerous photos) has become part of everyday life. With the invention of the smartphone, photos of friends and family are taken at a frightening rate. With the Selfie came the immense explosion of photo-sharing on Facebook, Instagram, Twitter and Whatsapp (to name but a few). Today, photography has never been so prolific.

However, despite the 'point and click' ease of the smartphone, taking photographs using regular camera equipment has not disappeared. If anything, it has become even more popular. A growing number of people now are investing in expensive photographic equipment and joining classes and clubs to hone up on their skills. Flickr is their destination of choice for sharing prized images.

For International Epilepsy Day 2016, we are pleased to announce a photography competition with the theme 'Yes, I can', to demonstrate achievement in overcoming obstacles, or achievement despite obstacles. The best photographs will form the International Epilepsy Day exhibition, taking place in the European Parliament in Strasbourg from Monday 1st to Friday 5th February 2016.

All entries will also be placed in a gallery on the International Epilepsy Day website epilepsy.org.

Two categories:

1. Photos taken with smartphones or tablets
2. Photos taken using regular cameras

The prize winner in each category will receive US\$1,000.

Competition rules

- Photos should reflect "the feeling of achievement"
- Photos must include the hashtag #epilepsyday in some way (e.g. written or printed on a card or you might think of a far more artistic way to include the hashtag)
- Photos must be submitted by email to ibedublin@eircom.net
- Photos should be a minimum of 1MB and preferably 300dpi (in particular for photos taken using regular cameras)
- Photos may be taken using a regular camera, phone or tablet
- Entrants must provide their name, address, age (if under 21 years) and email address
- Each entry must be entirely the original work of the contestant, must have a title (in English) and indicate the location in which it was taken
- Any person included in a photo must have given their express permission to be photographed and for the photo to be shared
- By submitting a photograph to IBE the contestant agrees to grant IBE, free of charge, the right to publish the photograph online, in other IBE media, and as part of a photographic exhibition in the European Parliament in Strasbourg (1st – 5th February 2016)
- Closing deadline for entries is 10th January 2016 and all entries must be submitted electronically
- The winning entry will be announced on International Epilepsy Day – 8th February 2016
- Entrants under 16 years of age, must obtain your parent's or guardian's permission before entering the competition
- There is no limit on the number of entries a contestant may submit
- The judges' decision is final and no correspondence will be entered into
- IBE reserves the right to disqualify any entry which breaches any of these rules

DEADLINE FOR ENTRIES: 10th JANUARY 2016!