#WHYVOTE — USA YOUTH ENGAGEMENT CONTENT COMPETITION



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<u>Creative Conscience</u> is a global platform and charity that engages, rewards, supports and trains young creative thinkers to apply their talents to social and environmental issues to create a fairer, healthier, more sustainable world. This is achieved through global design competitions, educational workshops, training programmes and events.

<u>VoiceBox</u> is an international content platform and social enterprise for young creators. It publishes a wide variety of content, ranging from entertainment to world events to challenging subjects. All creators are paid for their work, which is often presented to influential stakeholders who have the power to make change happen.

The challenge + the opportunity

In the run up to the US presidential election, we want to encourage young people to use their voice through voting and engaging with democracy.

Many young people feel that politics isn't something they can engage in, often because they don't feel represented or they feel disconnected from the way politics works. Encouraging young people to engage requires particularly **eye-catching**, **informative** and **accessible content** to overcome these barriers.

That is why we are launching a **social media content competition** to create an exciting and accessible youth-led campaign. We're asking young people to create communications to encourage their peers to **engage**, **register and vote**.

We are looking for a suite of material, for social media posts to answer the question "Why vote?" - encouraging voter registration and participation from young people, many of whom will be eligible to vote for the first time.

A selection of submissions will be awarded **\$20** and **showcased** on VoiceBox + Creative Conscience platforms and across our associates communities in the months leading up to the US election. Winning submissions will receive cash prizes and a feature across multiple social media socials and blog posts.

Cash prizes for winners + contributors

Key dates

1ST AUGUST 2024

Competition opens

1ST OCTOBER 2024

Submissions close

29TH OCTOBER 2024

Judging begins

NOVEMBER 2024

Winners are announced



Why?

In the US, young people are less likely to vote than older generations. Voters aged **18-34** will make up over **40** million potential voters in 2024, nearly **one-fifth** of the American electorate. More than ever, we need young people's fresh perspectives, and ideas to encourage the thier generation to make their voices heard and values considered this election. It is critical in shaping the nation's future.

You deserve to feel empowered to speak up on issues that affect your life, which is why this competition aims to **amplify young people's voices** and help them gain the confidence to get involved in politics. We invite you to **use your creativity** to support other young people in their US Election journey.

(Source HERE:)

The brief

For this competition we're looking for talented content creators who want to have their voices heard, around the importance of voting and democracy - with cash prizes / media exposure for doing so.

Open to anyone from anywhere - aged 17+ and in full time education, or graduated in the past 3 years

Please create at least one of the following formats...

- **01.** Three graphics to be used together on social media (such as in an Instagram carousel)
- **O2.** Short video (can be animation, film, motion graphics), NOT party political MUST be about demoracy no more than 90 secs for use on IG/TikTok or other channels loaded onto Vimeo or Youtube to view.
- **03.** Vlog (video diary, thought piece, interview), NOT party political MUST be about demoracy no more than 90 secs for use on IG/TikTok or other channels loaded onto Vimeo or Youtube to view.

If you don't fit into one of these categories and would like to enter the competition, please get in touch with us, and contact hello@creative-conscience.org.uk if you have any design or tech related questions.

Make a page or multi page pdf of your final designs, and / or send us up to 3 jpegs of your work, fill in a simple on-line form with links to any video content. Then enter for FREE download the brief and enter HERE

KEY OBJECTIVES

- O1. Raise awareness among young people about the upcoming election
- 02. Increase youth voter registration
- 03. Support young people to understand how elections work
- 04. Encourage purpose-led design
- O5. Create a series of creative materials or VoiceBox, Creative Conscience + associated partners that can used for USA presidential election



Rules + guidelines

All resources need to include the QR code to allow young people to register to vote.

Social media post dimensions

- Instagram story and reel: 1080 x 1920 px (upload as a jpeg)
- Instagram post: 1080 x 1080 px (upload as a jpeg)
- X (formally Twitter): 1600 x 900 px (upload as a jpeg)
- Optional: Video dimensions: 16:9
- Max video length: 90 seconds.
- Total maximum of files sizes submitted to be no more than 10 MB with a link to the video (where relevant).
- Only use royalty free photography or images you have taken or have permission to use
- The materials could be different from each other, but there should be an overarching campaign style that ties them together visually.
- Materials should be non-partisan, meaning there should be no mention of specific political parties/political issues or bias.
- Do not include any dates or information that will date the materials, such as registration or election day dates, current political leaders or current news stories.
- Any facts or statistics used must quote the source in a footnote
- Please use this QR code in all designs.
- DOWNLOAD THE WHY VOTE BRIEF + QR CODE then ENTER HERE before or by 19.09.2024
- By entering this competition you will be giving consent for Creative Conscience and VoiceBox to store and use the information given on the entry form for the purposes of taking part in the #WhyVote? Competition. Your information will not be shared with a third party.

Please use this QR code



Branding / Design Styles

Designs should be in line with the guidelines attached. We have included some guidance in the moodboards attached.

Visual Styling - Colours, Moodboard + Infographics



Visual Styling - Typography, Photography + Illustration

TYPOGRAPHY

Please use a type face from the list below or a similar san serif condensed font in CAPS, for your designs. Reverse out if you wish.

TRADE GOTHIC BOLD HELVETICA NEUE BOLD ARIAL NARROW BOLD



+ ILLUSTRATIONS

Please use BLACK + WHITE or DUO TONE PHOTOGRAPHIC IMAGES ONLY. Royality free, inclusive, diverse, engaging, empowering, fun and or simple graphic illustrations.

Make sure your designs have a Call to Action + include the QR Code.



How will your project be rated

High-profile judges with expertise in politics, design and education will select the winning materials. Designs will be rated on the strength of:

- Creative concept & originality
- Visual impact of design
- Clarity of communications
- Accessibility
- Accuracy

Winners prizes

First Prize - \$100

Second Prize - \$50

Third Prize - \$25

Any additional standout contributions chosen for the VoiceBox site will be paid \$20.

In addition to cash prizes, the winning entries and worthy mentions will feature on both Creative Conscience and VoiceBox's social platforms and channels.

Judges Whyvote USA:

Natalie Foos

Director VoiceBox

Chrissy Levett

Creative Director Creative Conscience

More to be confirmed

Judges Whyvote UK

Alistair Campbell

Communicator, Writer and Strategist

Trevor Robinson OBE

Founder Quiet Storm

Baroness Nicky Morgan OBE

Former Secretary of State for Education

Tyla Grant

Creative Strategist Youth Ambassador

Legal + ethical considerations

- All music, images or footage used in your submission must be royalty free, and if it is royalty free material, please reference its source in your entry
- Please do not film footage of any persons or private spaces without the person and/or owner's written permission.
- Please obtain consent and discuss considerations if you intend to shoot footage that includes people.

Conclusion

TOP TIPS: Enjoy creating something with meaning and positive purpose. Make it age and audience appropriate, keep your messaging clear, don't be afraid to be bold and simple. Get passionate about the project - passion is proven to be linked with successful outcomes. Collaborate and test your ideas out, be curious and ask questions.

We look forward to receiving your submission. Any questions, please contact Creative Conscience on hello@creative-conscience.org.uk