



# Commonwealth Day 2018

## The Lord-Lieutenant's Competition for Young People

We celebrate Commonwealth Day every year on the second Monday of March. This year it is held on 12 March. Across the world the family of 2.4 billion people from 52 countries in Africa, Asia, the Caribbean and Americas, the Pacific and Europe come together to:

- renew friendship
- learn from our differences
- and celebrate our achievements.

It is also a time for us to talk and think about the theme that has been chosen for the year. This year's theme is:

*'Towards a Common Future'.*

The Lord-Lieutenant, Lady Gretton, who is The Queen's representative for Leicester and Leicestershire, invites young people to enter her **Commonwealth Competition** by thinking about what brings people together from different countries and cultures to become friends.

Please submit a short story, a poem, a drawing, or a painting, which celebrates friendship across cultures. You can use a pen, a computer, or a paint brush!

The competition is open to children in the following age categories:

- up to 7 years
- 7 - 11 years

Lady Gretton will hold a special reception at County Hall for the winners and their families or carers when she will present certificates and prizes.

Please note that the maximum size for entries is A3. Entries can be posted or emailed to the address below. The closing date for entries is 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2018.

Please submit your entries to:

The Lieutenancy Office  
County Hall  
Glenfield  
Leicester LE3 8RA

Or email [Lieutenancyoffice@leics.gov.uk](mailto:Lieutenancyoffice@leics.gov.uk)

Please do remember to include your name, age, and school or home address, and a contact number or email, with your entry. Every entry will receive a certificate signed by the Lord-Lieutenant. *Good luck everyone!*



*The Commonwealth Games start on 4<sup>th</sup> April. Sport brings people together!*



Jennifer, Lady Gretton DCVO JP  
HM Lord-Lieutenant

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