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About ihelp:

ihelp has been created by Buckinghamshire Freemasons to offer young people the opportunity to show that they care for others and the society that they live in.

It is designed to:

- Motivate young people to undertake a community help project
- Encourage them to develop empathy and compassion for others
- Develop their values in relation to their locality and its environment
- Allow them to recognise the importance of charity and to respond to the needs of others
- Help balance the face of media reporting of young people from 'hoodies' that cause fear in our communities to caring citizens who are an asset to our society.



In addition teams will be competing for cash prizes by carrying out a community help project and submitting details to the ihelp judges. The winning teams can then offer additional assistance to others by designating their prize money to recognised young peoples activities or a charity of their choice.

Who can enter ihelp?

Any group of young people can enter.

The group must consist of a minimum of 3 young people who, as at 1st January 2010, are aged from 7 to 18 and have an adult leader who is over 21 years of age.

Entrants must be prepared to implement a local community project in Buckinghamshire, or close to the proximity of the county border as shown in the postcode list

Projects must be of six or more hours duration.

There are 30 cash prizes to be won with prize money totalling £13,750.

For more information or to enter your project

VISIT: ihelp.buckspgl.org

Prize details:

Once all of the Project Report Forms have been received, 25 projects will be selected for judging in the Centre Heats, these being the best 5 at each of 5 different Centres. At the Centre Heats all 25 projects will receive £250 and a trophy for reaching this stage of the competition.

At each Centre Heat one project will be selected by a panel of judges to progress to the Grand Final.

At the Grand Final each team represented, in addition to their £250 heat prize, will receive one of the following prizes:

£500 for reaching the Grand Final (3 awards);

A second prize of £1000;

A first prize of £5000.

How Do I Enter ?

Once you have decided to take part and have planned your project, entering is simple. All you have to do is click on the link below, complete the Registration Form and send it back to us. When your project has been accepted, you will be sent a Project Report Form and a unique entry number. The Project Report Form must be completed and returned, together with two pictures showing some aspect of the work you have been doing.



How Will The Competition Progress?

Listed below is a brief summary of the ihelp competition procedure but please read the Competition terms and conditions for more detailed information. www.ihelp.buckspgl.org

- Complete the Registration Form before the closing date for registration which is 5.00pm on 23rd April 2010.
- On completing the Registration Form you will be sent an email. It may be necessary to check your SPAM filter if this email does not arrive within a few minutes of registering. The email will come from ihelp@buckspgl.org This e-mail address is being protected from spambots. You need JavaScript enabled to view it. The Subject of this email will be "Successfully Registered" To complete your registration you will need to click on the link contained in this email to "Activate" your registration. Once you have done this you will be able to "Login" on the site using the username and password you selected during the registration.
- To complete your competition entry, you must fill out the Project Report Form on the website. This form is only available once you have registered and logged in. You must complete and submit the Project Report Form using a maximum of 250 words and return, along with two photographs, before the competition closing date, which is 5.00pm on 30th April 2010.
- If your project is selected for a centre heat we will notify you no later than 14th May 2010.

- If you are selected for a centre heat, between two and four members of your team and your Team Leader will be expected to attend the centre to which you have been allocated and give details of your project to a panel of judges in a presentation lasting a maximum of 10 minutes.
- If you win your heat some members of your team will be invited to an award ceremony to be held as part of a fun day at Stowe School near Buckingham (MK18 5EH) on 11th July 2010.
- As a heat winner you will also progress to the Grand Final, to be held at Beaconsfield Masonic Centre, where you will again be asked to present your project to a panel of judges.
- If you do not win the Grand Final you will still receive an additional monetary prize and a trophy on the day.
- If you win the Grand Final you will be invited to Freemasons Hall, Great Queen Street, London on 25th October 2010 where you will receive your award.

Frequently Asked Questions

Who can take part?

Any group of young people can enter.

How old do I need to be?

Anyone from the ages of 7 to 18 years old on 1st January 2010 can take part.

How many people need to be involved in our project?

There needs to be a minimum of 3 people involved in your project and a team leader.

What kind of project can we do?

Anything, as long as you are helping your community, for examples visit <http://ihelp.buckspgl.org>

How long should the project be?

Projects must run for a minimum of 6 hours.

Where can we carry out our project?

Anywhere in Buckinghamshire or in close proximity to the county border, as shown in the Post Code list, visit <http://ihelp.buckspgl.org>.

Does it have to be something we are already doing or can it be a new project?

Your community project can be an existing one or a new one.

How do I start?

Start by registering your project online at <http://ihelp.buckspgl.org>. You will then be able to access a Project Report Form which will have to be completed and returned by the closing date of the competition. This form will let us know what your project is about and you will also be asked to send two pictures to help us with the judging.

When is the closing date for Registration?

The closing date for registering your project is 5pm on 23rd April 2010.

When is the latest date I can submit the Project Report Form?

The closing date for return of your Project Report form is 5pm on 30th April 2010.

What is the minimum age for a Team Leader?

The Team Leader must be 21 years old as at 1st January 2010.

Where will the heats take place?

Heats will take place at Masonic Centres in Slough, Marlow, Beaconsfield, Aylesbury and Bletchley. Heat winners will be given details of the exact location of their allocated centre and directions on how to get there.

What dates are the local heats?

The dates of the local heats are as follows:

Marlow Masonic Centre - 5th June 2010.

Aylesbury Masonic Centre - 12th June 2010.

Beaconsfield Masonic Centre - 13th June 2010.

Bletchley Masonic Centre - 20th June 2010.

Slough Masonic Centre - 27th June 2010.

When will the monetary prizes be given out?

Local heat prizes will be given out on the day at the Masonic Centres. Runner up prizes for the Grand Final will be awarded on the day but the overall winner of the Grand Final will receive their prize at Freemasons Hall, Great Queen Street, London on 25th October 2010.

Where will the Grand Final take place?

At Beaconsfield Masonic Centre.

When will the Grand Final take place?

12th September 2010



**For a list of project ideas, terms & conditions
or to enter your project visit.**

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