Barbara Petchenik children’s world map competition

The Barbara Petchenik Award was created by the International Cartographic Association in 1993 as a memorial for Barbara Petchenik, a past Vice president of the ICA and cartographer who worked through her life with maps related to children. The aim of the contest is to promote the creative representation of the world in graphic form by children.

We would like to invite any school in the UK to submit entries for this competition. Six winners will be selected by a set of judges and submitted to the ICA for entry into the International Competition. Esri UK are delighted to be sponsoring this UK competition.

Rules
The ICA nations will collect maps based on the theme *Living in a Globalised World*, produced by children under 16 years of age. The judging will focus on three main criteria:

- a recognisable message
- cartographic content
- the quality of execution

In other words judges will be looking for

- a recognisable connection between the form, shape, and use of cartographic elements which creatively address the Competition’s theme
- a recognisable image of all or a large portion of the world in which the shapes and relative locations of land masses and oceans are as correct as can reasonably be expected for the child's age and within the context of the "system of projection" used
- appropriate cartographic elements such as symbols, colours, names and labels, etc., which help address the Competition's theme: - clarity and legibility of the point, line and area symbols appropriate to the media of expression, whether on paper or other surfaces, whether drawn or made up of indigenous materials

Please note the judges’ decision is final.

UK entries will be judged by a panel of cartographic experts appointed by the British Cartographic Society (BCS). The best six entries will each receive a prize sponsored by Esri UK and will be entered in the international competition. Any participant agrees that his/her representation may be reproduced by the BCS in appropriate publications or scanned for publication on its website without consultation or copyright fees.
How to enter
Please send in your entries for attention of Angela Baker at the following address:
Childrens Map Competition
Esri (UK)
Millennium House
65 Walton Street
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The deadline for applications is 5pm Monday 7th March 2011.

Additional Notes for teachers
• Parameters of the entries:
  o The maximum size must not exceed A3 (420 mm x 297 mm or 17 x 11 inches)
  o The surface should be flat and pasted-on objects may not be higher than 5 mm or 0.2 inch and have to be thoroughly fixed
  o The map can be made using any unbreakable material (thus no glass)
  o No moveable or folding-out parts covering sections of the drawing (Note: the submissions will be photographed or scanned and the complete drawing has to be visible in one scan or photo)
  o No perishable materials (like leaves of plants) may be used
  o Do not plasticize or laminate the drawings because that disturbs the physical appearance of the drawing.
• Any number of "systems of projection" can be used to generate the coastlines and other base material (e.g., international boundaries and graticule).
• The entry should be an original piece of work and it can be made using traditional methods (colour pencils, water colour, etc) or a computer program (e.g. GIS).
• Winning entries in the UK competition will be forwarded to the ICA as the UK entry to the International exhibition and competition in Paris in July 2011.
• The winning entries in the International competition will be submitted to international organisations (UNICEF International Art Committee or others) by the ICA Executive for consideration as greeting card designs or other kind of publication that might best showcase the maps created for the Competition. ICA may use them as well. Any participant must agree that his/her representation may be reproduced by the ICA or other international organisations, or scanned for publication on the Internet by Carleton University (on behalf of the ICA) without consultation or copyright fees.
• Competition maps will be archived in the Archives and Research Collections at Carleton University Library and will be available for public viewing on the Library’s website (see http://children.library.carleton.ca).