



Movement for the Abolition of War

Essay Competition

MAW invites school students in years 10-13 to take part in an essay competition, submitting from 500 to 1000 words on

“Walking on the moon, still warring on earth”

It is now 50 years since the Apollo 11 moon landing of 1969. When the astronauts looked back home, their comments highlighted the beauty and fragility of planet earth - our common home. How petty and stupid humankind's divisions on earth, wreaking destruction and involving mass slaughter, appeared from a distance.

With our knowledge of climate change, the vulnerability of 'spaceship earth', and the essential unity of all its inhabitants, has only become more obvious. And yet the means of destruction are proliferating and precious resources are squandered in preparing and waging ever more destructive wars.

What is the significance of the moon landing for world peace? A dream as old as humanity, and which for a long time was held to be beyond its grasp, was realised when people started believing it could be done and made a determined effort to make it happen. Is the abolition of war, another old and cherished dream, beyond our reach?

Details:

There will be three prizes of £50 Book Tokens, and presentations will be made on 29th June 2019, during MAW's Day Conference "Save the Earth, Abolish War" in London. MAW will publish the winning essays on the MAW website.

Entry is open to school students in years 10-13, and essays of between 500 and 1000 words entitled "Walking on the moon, still warring on earth" must be emailed as an attachment to MAW at essay@abolishwar.co.uk to arrive on or before Wednesday 29th May 2019.

Please include your age, parental contact details and the name and address of the school/college/academy you are attending.

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