



Blog Contest Guidelines

In an effort to give due recognition and incentives to deserving bloggers as well as encourage and inspire the rest of the community to blog and share their stories, the telecentre.org English website is staging the first ever blog contest which will run from April 20 to May 20, 2009.

Below are the contest mechanics:

1. The contest is open to all registered members of the telecentre.org English community who are at least 18 years of age.
2. Community facilitators, officers and staff of telecentre.org and its social investors are not eligible to participate in the contest.
3. Blog entry must be related to any of the following themes:
 - telecentres and disability
 - telecentres and education
 - telecentres and environment
 - telecentres and governance
 - telecentres and health
 - telecentres and socio-economic development
 - telecentres and inclusion
 - gender and telecenters
 - technology and telecenters
 - telecentre sustainability
 - telecentre success stories
 - telecentre best practices
4. To participate in the contest, blog entry must be posted at the telecentre.org website with the following compulsory contest footer to identify it as a contest entry:

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<p><strong>Submitted as an entry to the telecentre.org Blog Contest. </p></strong>
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NOTE: Insert the above code at the end of the blog post.

5. A member may submit only one contest entry. In case more than one entry is received from the same member, only the latest submitted entry will be considered for evaluation.

6. telecentre.org reserves the right to reject entries that are incomplete, invalid, or that contain any inappropriate information (e.g. spam and other controversial or offensive material).
7. Blog post must have a **minimum of 400 words** and a **maximum of 1,000 words**.
8. Blog entry may be accompanied by a maximum of two images. Images used must not exceed 500 pixels in width and in height. While images are not required, having them in the blog entry is an added advantage.
9. Blog entry, including accompanying images, must not in any way violate any intellectual property right. By submitting a blog as a contest entry, member certifies that it is his or her original work and that the same does not currently exist in any other publication, blog or website.
10. By participating in the contest, member automatically grants telecentre.org the right to use, copy, adapt, transmit, distribute, publish and display submitted entry, whether whole or in part, and this will be applicable worldwide and in perpetuity.
11. All contest entries must be posted at the telecentre.org website by **5pm GMT on Wednesday, May 20, 2009**.
12. All contest entries will be subject to validation and shortlisting by telecentre.org, and all shortlisted entries will be submitted for evaluation by a distinguished panel of judges to be appointed by the former. The decision of the panel of judges is final.
13. Evaluation of entries shall be done based on the following set of criteria:
 - Content
 - Organization
 - Relevance
14. Based on the given criteria, the panel of judges will determine the top three blogs from among the contest entries.
15. Winners will be announced via the telecentre.org website within one month after the deadline for submission of entries. Winners will likewise be notified via email by the telecentre.org Blog Contest Committee.
16. Winners will each receive special surprise tokens from telecentre.org. Winning entries will also be featured in publications such as the telecentre.org newsletter and the Telecentre Times, among others.