



## **Geology Competition for 2009/2010 Transition Year Students**

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Association (IGA)  
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**Geography Teachers**, please note that the IGA are organising a Geological Essay, or Project competition for Transition Year Students in the coming academic year.

We are offering ten First Prizes for the Ten Best school entries, either of an essay on a geological topic of interest in your school's area, or a project, such as collections, with identifications of local minerals, rocks, or fossils. Alternatively, they can enter a project that demonstrates a geographical / geological process observed in your area.

If you would like some geological ideas for your area regarding such topics, please contact us at [info@geology.ie](mailto:info@geology.ie) and we will put a Council Member in contact with you who knows the local geology and will help you with some ideas.

**There are 10 First Prizes of high quality sets of minerals and fossils for your school worth €100 + (see our website). The winners will be published in the IGA newsletter and the Irish Earth Science Magazine over the following months. Five runners-up will receive a copy of the prestigious recently published 'Geology of Ireland' second edition.**

As general guidelines, essays should not exceed 3000 words. Photos, graphics etc. are encouraged and field projects should be well described and photographed, keeping the originals for adjudication where necessary.

**What do you think Geography Teachers? Would your students be interested? Can this competition work in with your transition year plans next year? Please let us know.**

**The IGA is a non-profit organisation**, which exists on members' subscriptions and generous commercial sponsorship. With the funds available to us and with your help, we want to foster an interest in Geography/Geology for interested students that are also curious about the World around them and are hungry to learn more.

### **Free Class Lectures**

If you are interested, we can also offer two different school friendly level audio-visual talks to your Geography classes in the coming academic year. The first is about Ireland's present geological situation (what you see now), and the second is about how the rocks, that now make up Ireland travelled all the way from the Southern polar regions to here where we are now, over the last 450 million years ("What a long way Ireland has come in 450 Million Years"). What do you think?

**Please let us know if you have an interest in any of the above!**

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