



Call for Entries – Technical Guidelines

Submission Deadline: 1st July 2025

Eligibility: Open to undergraduate and postgraduate students currently enrolled at Trinity College Dublin

Competition Categories & Submission Requirements

1. Creative / Media Competition

This category invites students to express their ideas through visual storytelling, using digital or traditional media. Submissions should explore themes such as:

- Intergenerational relationships
- Challenging age-based stereotypes
- Flourishing in later life

Video

- Duration: 30 to 90 seconds
- Accepted file types: .mp4, .mov
- Recommended platforms: Instagram Reels, TikTok, YouTube Shorts or other formats

Note: Videos must be original and suitable for public screening.

Photography

- Up to 3 high-resolution images (JPEG or PNG format)
- Each image must include a short descriptive caption (max 150 words)

Artwork (painting, drawing, illustration – including digital formats)

- High-quality scans or photographs of the work (JPEG or PNG format)
 - Include a short artist statement (max 150 words)
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2. Essay or Journalism Competition

This category focuses on reflective, narrative, or journalistic writing exploring:

- Ageism in daily life
- The challenges of growing older in Ireland
- Research- or experience-inspired solutions to combat ageism

Requirements:

- Word count: 1,000–2,000 words
- Format: PDF or Word Document (.doc/.docx)
- Style: May be academic, opinion, or narrative in tone—but must be original and clearly written for a general public audience

Note: References to published TILDA research are encouraged but not required

General Submission Guidelines

- All submissions must be original and created by the student submitting
- Entrants may submit to one category only
- Work must be suitable for public display (including online publication and public events)

How to Submit Your Entry

Submit via the secure [Microsoft Forms](#) window directly on the TILDA website:

<https://tilda.tcd.ie/connecting-generations-award/> . The form includes:

- Full name and Trinity email
- Student ID
- Course and Department
- Chosen category
- Upload field for file(s)
- Short description of the submission
- Consent checkbox for use of the work in TILDA publications and events

Judging & Selection Process

Submissions will be reviewed by a panel of TILDA researchers, creative professionals, and subject-matter experts

- ***Judging criteria will include:***
- Relevance to theme
- Originality and creativity
- Clarity and public engagement value
- Technical quality (appropriate to the medium)
- Finalists will be contacted in September 2025
- Winners will be announced at the Connecting Generations Event in October 2025 (exact date TBC)

Prizes

- €500 awarded to the winner in each category
- Winning entries will be showcased publicly at the event, and may also be published by TILDA and Trinity College Dublin

Need Help or Have Questions?

Contact: tilda@tcd.ie (Subject: Connecting Generations Award)

We're happy to support students throughout the process.