



2018/2019

OD IMPACT CHALLENGE

APPLY: bit.ly/ODICApplication



ABOUT THE COMPETITION

Opportunity Desk (OD) is pleased to invite young people across the world to enter the 2018/2019 OD Impact Challenge. The OD Impact Challenge seeks to recognize and support the efforts of young change-makers working to bring positive change to their communities while projecting and highlighting the impact opportunitydesk.org is making in the lives of people worldwide. Thanks to our [partners](#), this edition comes with lots of exciting benefits.

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This year's challenge is organized in partnership with [Mireille Toulekima Global Leadership](#) and [Sir Darancoh Consultant Limited](#).

The competition is simple, it challenges participants to answer three main questions:-

1. *What are you doing to bring positive change to your community?*
2. *How is OD making an impact in your life?*
3. *How will the prizes help you if you win?*

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Since inception in 2012, Opportunity Desk has reached 186,200 people from over 180 countries around the world. Our website currently attracts more **than 800,000 views monthly with about 200,000 people connected and engaged with us on social media.**

PRIZES AND BENEFITS

Top 12 finalists will receive e-certificates and recognition.

First Prize

1. \$150 cash prize to support your work
2. Exclusive media feature as OD Young Person of the Month in 2019
3. Up to three months of mentoring (Four hours per month)
4. Free review of up to three (3) applications for global opportunities
5. Free Cloud VPS on Adobe Web Services (AWS)
6. Website design/revamp by Sir Darancoh Consultant Limited worth \$200
7. Access to one of the Mireille Toulekima Global Leadership Programs worth up to \$1,000

Second Prize

1. \$100 to support your work
2. Exclusive media feature as OD Young Person of the Month in 2019
3. Up to two months of mentoring (Four hours per month)
4. Free review of up to two (2) applications for global opportunities
5. Free Cloud VPS on Adobe Web Services (AWS)
6. Website design/revamp by Sir Darancoh Consultant Limited worth \$200
7. Access to one of the Mireille Toulekima Global Leadership Programs worth up to \$1,000

Third Prize

1. \$50 to support your work
2. Exclusive media feature as OD Young Person of the Month in 2019
3. One-month mentoring (Four hours of mentoring spread out during the month)
4. Free review of one (1) application for global opportunities
5. Free Cloud VPS on Adobe Web Services (AWS)
6. Website design/revamp by Sir Darancoh Consultant Limited worth \$200
7. Access to one of the Mireille Toulekima Global Leadership Programs worth up to \$1,000

People's Choice

1. One-month mentoring (Four hours of mentoring spread out during the month)

Mentors

See the selected [Team of Mentors](#).

Eligibility

- Participants between 18 and 30 years from any nationality are welcome to apply
- Participants should be active Opportunity Desk Users. To be considered an active user, you are either a fan/follower on Facebook, Twitter, or Instagram; or you must be subscribed to our email newsletter.
- Participants should be actively engaged in their communities.
- Team members and mentors at Opportunity Desk are not eligible for this contest.
- There is no entry fee
- Opportunity Desk can take no responsibility for entries that are incorrectly or incompletely submitted.

Selection Process

1. At the close of applications, a shortlist of 12 finalists will be published and made open for public votes.
2. At the end of the voting period, the jury, made up of social change leaders and impact drivers, will carefully select the top 3 winners based on the following criteria:
 - Innovation and impact of your project
 - Impact of OD in your life

- Social Media Response (Likes/Comments)

TIMELINE:

- Entries open on December 19, 2018 and close on December 31, 2018
- Finalists showcased on Monday, **January 7, 2019**
- Voting and Second round of Judging takes place January 7 – 18, 2019
- Winners announced on opportunitydesk.org by Monday, January 21, 2019

How to Enter the Competition

- Step 1: Complete the online application [here](#).
- Step 2: Give us a shout-out to let us know you have submitted your application by tagging us on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) or [Instagram](#) with **@OpportunityDesk** and the hashtags **#ODImpactChallenge #ODIC2018**. You can also ask us any question on social media using these hashtags.
- Step 3: Prepare for the voting round if your application is accepted by first week of January 2019.

PLEASE NOTE:

- Deadline for applications is December 31, 2018
- Top 12 finalists will be announced on January 7, 2019 during which OD fans can show support for their favorite finalists through likes, comments, shares.
- Three winners will be selected based on the Judge's criteria and support from OD users. Winners will be announced on *Monday, January 21, 2019 and prizes distributed between February and April 2019.*
- You can download a copy of the OD Impact Challenge information in pdf.

Ready? [Click here to apply](#).

Best wishes!