



Teagasc Photo Competition - Celebrating Our Forests and Wood Use - Terms & Conditions

Rules of Entering:

By entering this competition, entrants are indicating their agreement to be bound by the following terms and conditions:

- The promoter is the Teagasc Forestry Development Department, whose registered office is at Athenry, Co. Galway.
- The competition is **not** open to professional photographers
- The competition is open to residents of the Republic of Ireland **except** employees of Teagasc and their close relatives and anyone judging of the competition.
- **Entrants to this photo competition grant Teagasc the further rights to publish and exhibit their photograph(s) in print, on their website or in any other media source as part of their advisory and promotional work in perpetuity. No fees will be paid for any of the above uses.**
- **While every effort will be made to credit photographers, including in printed reproduction of their work, we cannot guarantee the every such use of photos will include the photographers' names**
- Any personal data relating to the winner or any other entrants will be used solely in accordance with current Irish data protection legislation
- Photo entry **must be the entrant's original work**, must **not be copied** and must not infringe on the intellectual property or other rights of any other third party, regardless of country of residence. It is the entrant's responsibility to clear all aspects of copyright prior to submission. Teagasc reserves the right to disqualify from the competition any entry that infringes on the copyright or other intellectual property rights of third parties and will not be responsible or in any way be liable for any violations of copyright or any other unauthorized use of photos
- **The promoter's decision in respect of all matters to do with the competition will be final and no correspondence will be entered into.**

Competition Format

- Commencing from October 7, the ‘**Celebrating Our Forests and Wood Use**’ competition will focus on two consecutive forest themes featured over subsequent weeks (see table below)
- The first theme ‘**Celebrating our forests**’ will run **between October 7 and October 28, 2021**.
- The competition will subsequently feature the second theme ‘**The many uses of wood**’ between **October 29 and November 18, 2021**.
- Individual entrants may enter a **maximum of one photo for each of the two selected themes**
- Please note that **only photos received within the indicated dates and times for each theme** (indicated in the table) **will be considered eligible**

Eligible competition entry times for each of the two themes

Theme Period	Theme	Eligible Entry Period
1	<i>Our forests in autumn</i>	9 AM, October 7 to 5 PM, October 28
2	<i>The many uses of wood</i>	9 AM, October 29 to 5 PM, November 18

Prizes

- The prizes are as follows:
 - At the end of each theme period, the winner for that theme will be chosen will receive a prize of €300 in vouchers with €100 in vouchers for two selected runners up in each theme.
 - Each theme winner will also go forward to a Grand Final on December 7, when the overall competition winner will be in line for a further €500 in vouchers.
- The promoter will notify the winner when and where the prize can be collected / is delivered.

Submission of Photographs

- Photographs must be submitted in digital format only by EMAILING photos to forestphotos@teagasc.ie

- Individual participants may submit one photo separately for each of the two forestry competition themes
- Each photo competition entry **must be by email and must include the following, otherwise entries cannot be considered valid:**
 - **The selected theme the photograph is being entered under**
 - **A caption for the photo**
 - **A short description putting the image into context (max 60 words)**
 - **The entry email must contain the full name, confirmation whether the participant is 18/older or under 18 years of age and telephone contact details for the person submitting.**
- Entrants must ensure that photographs of **people have been taken with the written permission of the subject** or, where the image shows any persons under 18, **the consent of their parent/guardian**). In such cases, **evidence of written permission must be included with the submitted image**
- Images **must be in digital format (e.g. from mobile phone or camera)**. The preferred image format is JPG/ JPEG or TIFF. Hard copy images, slides, prints etc. will **not be eligible**. Images may be colour or black and white images. Landscape orientation is strongly preferred.
- **After each eligible entry period closes, no further entries to the competition will be permitted for that theme.**
- Applicants should submit the highest available resolution version of their image but limited to 10 MB in size. The image size should ideally be a minimum of 3,500 x 2,500 pixels (with a file size of 1MB or larger) in order to be eligible.
- If people are in the photo then the **Teagasc photography consent form** (PDF) needs to be completed, signed and submitted with the photo entry
- There is no entry fee and no purchase necessary to enter this competition.
- Route to entry for the competition and details of how to enter are **via email only**.
- The competition will commence at **9.00 AM on Monday October 07, 2021**
- **Depending on the level of competition entry, Teagasc may display a selection of eligible competition photos on the forestry section of the Teagasc website.**
- **Teagasc reserves the right not to publish or exhibit submitted images**

Selection of Winning entries

- The competition will be judged by a Teagasc selection panel and **the judges' decision is final**; no negotiation will be entered into
- Public voting may be considered in conjunction with judges selection for the grand final where appropriate
- A winning photo will be selected for each theme at the end of the eligible entry period (as per above table) and will go forward to the Grand Final on December 7, 2020.
- The overall competition winner will be selected and notified on December 7 and the winning photo will be displayed on the Teagasc website and announced across relevant media channels.
- No responsibility can be accepted for entries not received for whatever reason.
- The promoter reserves the right to cancel or amend the competition and these terms and conditions without notice in the event of a catastrophe, war, civil or military disturbance, act of God or any actual or anticipated breach of any applicable law or regulation or any other event outside of the promoter's control.
- Any changes to the competition will be notified to entrants as soon as possible by the promoter.

Photograph Evaluation

- Photos will be evaluated based on the following criteria:
 - Uniqueness to demonstrate the contribution or value addition of trees/ forests and wood use as appropriate
 - Clarity of image, as well as creativity and originality
- Ability to communicate an impactful message under the relevant theme(s) selected