

SHORT-ESSAY STUDENT COMPETITION:

WHAT DOES TRANSFORMATION MEAN TO YOU AND FOR PLANNING WITHIN SOUTH AFRICA?

As part of 2023 World Town Planning Day, the South African Council for Planners (SACPLAN) is encouraging student planners to get involved in matters of the planning profession and develop knowledge and skills for good planning such as: independent thought, depth of knowledge, clear reasoning, critical analysis and persuasive argument. The Council has taken a position to ignite and create awareness on Transformation in planning. The focus will be on the meaning of transformation and what it means for the future. Henceforth, students enrolled in a SACPLAN accredited Town/Urban and Regional Planning programmes in 2023 are hereby invited to briefly discuss in a short essay: what transformation means to them and the planning profession in the next decade given South Africa's historic past. The essay must be brief and concise, not be more than 500 words. The Short Essay submission must reach SACPLAN offices on or before close of business on Friday 27th October 2023. Registration as a Candidate Student Plan would be an added advantage.

Submission:

- All entries must be submitted by 16:00 on the submission deadline date 27th October 2023. No late Submissions will be allowed.
- Candidates are advised to answer the question as precisely and directly as possible.
- Entry is free.

Assessment:

- Our grading system is proprietary. We use various means to identify plagiarism, contract cheating, the use of AI and other forms of fraud.
- Our determinations in all such matters are final.
- Essays will be judged on knowledge and understanding of the relevant material, the competent use of evidence, quality of argumentation, originality, structure, writing style and persuasive argument.
- The best essays are likely to be those which would be capable of changing somebody's mind.
- Essays which ignore or fail to address or adhere to the question are unlikely to be successful.

Results:

The writers of the best essays will receive a commendation and be shortlisted for a prize. Writers of shortlisted essays will be notified by 07th November 2023.





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STUDENT DETAILS	
First name*	
Surname*	
Contact Number*	
Email address*	
Qualification Enrolled for*	
Institution *	
Registration No*	

PREFERRED COMMUNICATION METHOD *	
Phone*	Email*





SHORT ESSAY ON TRANSFORMATION

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