NetworkRail
Diverse IT competition
Information pack for schools

Diverse IT, Have you got the IT factor?

Network Rail want to inspire and support Black, Asian and Minority Ethnic young people to explore careers in IT and we are excited to invite your school to take part in our Diverse IT competition.

There are lots of fantastic prizes up for grabs, including:

- Win one of 50 brand new Windows 10 laptops
- Work experience days
- Mentoring sessions with IT professionals
- Opportunity to apply for a place on our Network Rail IT apprenticeship scheme

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Are you…

excited about your future?

a blogger or influencer?

a musician?

looking for a new challenge?

a gamer?

interested in digital technology?

a dancer?

someone who like doing things differently?

interested in social media?

a film maker?

A poet?

interested in coding?

a Tik Tok-er?

creative?

Diverse IT competition FAQs

What is the Diverse IT competition?

Data tells us that people from Black, Asian and Minority Ethnic backgrounds aren't equally represented in IT and at Network Rail we'd like to change that. That's why we're running a competition to highlight the exciting opportunities in IT at Network Rail and across the rail industry.

What does the competition involve?

Use your creative and technical skills to invent something new or innovative. This can be anything you choose!

Create a social media piece to launch your idea online, which could potentially be used to promote or seek funding for your invention.
Think about how your idea will be used. What is its purpose? Who will use it? How will you use technology to bring it to life? Will you need an app or a website? How can you make sure it is safe and secure for people to use? How will you make people aware of it?

Your social media piece can be in whatever format and style you prefer; poem, song, dance, presentation, animation, video …. anything! Your submission will be judged on creativity and innovation.

What are the prizes?

Prizes include IT equipment including brand new Windows 10 laptops, work experience days and mentoring and coaching from IT professionals. Winners will be divided into 2 categories based on age and prizes will be awarded accordingly

One overall winner will be invited to apply with a recommendation for our Network Rail IT Apprenticeship scheme. Unfortunately, we are unable to guarantee your place on the scheme, but you will receive support from a mentor throughout the application process.

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Who can enter?

To enter the competition, you must:

- Live within a 40-mile radius of Q:MK, Elder Gate, Milton Keynes, MK9 1EN.
- Be a UK resident
- Be aged over 16
- Be from a Black, Asian, and Minority Ethnic background
- Have an interest in Information Technology

How do I enter?

Your schools and teachers know you best so we will be asking them to invite students with an interest in IT to take part in the competition.

When is the closing date

The competition will run from October 4, 2021 and closes on Friday November 5, 2021

How will I know if I have won a prize

We will notify all winners by email and will let your schools and teachers know too. A list of all winners will also be shared on our DiverseIT website https://www.networkrail.co.uk/careers/early-careers/diverse-it-have-you-got-the-it-factor

All winners will be invited to attend an awards event to collect their prizes, where Network Rail will announce the overall winner.

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Will I be guaranteed a place on the apprenticeship scheme?

The overall winner will be invited to apply with a recommendation for our Network Rail IT Apprenticeship scheme. We are unable to guarantee your place on the scheme, but you will receive support from a mentor throughout the application process.

Where can I find more information on the Network Rail apprenticeship schemes?

You can find out more about early careers on our website www.Networkrail.co.uk

Who can I contact for more information on the competition?

If you have any questions about the competition or would like to view the terms and conditions you can check out our check out our website https://www.networkrail.co.uk/careers/early-careers/diverse-it-have-you-got-the-it-factor or email us at DiverseIT@networkRail.co.uk or scan the code below

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