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**NATALIE WINS LETTER-WRITING COMPETITION 2013**

The Gibraltar leg of the Universal Postal Union's 2013 letter-writing competition was won by Natalie Santos with Kathy Orfila-Mañasco in second place and Nicholas Anson in third place.

Audrey Ohana, Sophie Macdonald, Grace Ferrary, Frank Devincenzi and Leane Grima were further highly commended.

The theme for 2013 was:

“Write someone a letter explaining why water is a precious resource”

There were over 160 entrants ages 10 to 15. The standard was very high and the Judges had to work very hard to identify the perceived best entry to represent Gibraltar at Berne, Switzerland, in the main competition.

The prizes were presented by the Hon Steven Linares, Minister for Postal Services, at the John Mackintosh Hall.

1st Prize.....Trophy, £100, Philatelic Memorabilia and £30 book token.

2nd Prize.....Trophy, £50, Philatelic Memorabilia and £20 book token.

3rd Prize.....Trophy, £25, Philatelic Memorabilia and £10 book token.

The RGPO wishes to thank all Participants, the Ministry for Culture, the Department of Education, the Sponsors (Glasshouse, Gibraltar Bookshop and the Gibraltar Philatelic Bureau) and the Judges (Mrs Cecilia Baldachino, Mrs Vivien Dawson, Mrs Conchita Triay, Mrs Yvette Zarb, Mr David Bentata, Mr Peter Dawson & Mr Lionel Gomez) for their support and effort.

The theme for the 2014 competition is “Write a Letter Describing how Music can Touch Lives”. Details for this competition will be issued shortly.