

# **WE ARE HAPPY TO ANNOUNCE THE START OF THE BATTLE OF PROJECTS - 2017!**

Would you like to take part in the project work and participate in the contest?

Are you interested in group-working and public speaking?

Do you feel you have something meaningful and inspiring to say on hot topics in **Ecology and Environment**?

Would you like to improve your presentation skills?

**Welcome to the annual contest of public speaking in foreign languages “The Battle of Projects”!**

## **FAQs:**

**Q: What is The Battle of Projects?**

**A: It is a contest of projects and presentations in foreign languages.**

**Q: Can I participate?**

**A: Yes, if you are a first-, second-, third- or fourth-year student and your team consists of at least four but no more than 10 members.**

**Q: When is it going to be held?**

**A: March 17th, 2017.**

**Q: Who is going to assess me?**

**A: Professors and teachers of the Department for Translation Studies, Interpreting and Translation, post-graduate and fifth-year students.**

**Q: Will there be any prizes?**

**A: Yes, you will be awarded! Good luck!**

**Do you already feel like taking part? See more on [translatsuh.ru](http://translatsuh.ru) or ask the organisers (G.V. Gulyaeva, E.A. Nasonova)**

# The Battle of Projects -2017

## A MORE DETAILED DESCRIPTION

The contest of public talks and presentations in foreign languages aims at:

- familiarising students with presentation techniques used by acknowledged public speakers;
- improving the ability of knowledge application and independent learning;
- developing students' presentation and communication skills;
- providing students with opportunities to practise public speaking and gain relevant experience;
- improving collaborative skills through working in a team to achieve common goals.

1. The contest is held on March 17th, 2017.

2. The contest is held among the first-, second-, third- and fourth-year students.

3. Topics for presentations are chosen by the teams and should address one of the issues in *Ecology and Environment*.

It is essential that all the presentations should avoid a purely descriptive approach. Rather, they should address a debatable issue which reflects one of the most burning concerns of today's world.

4. Assessment Criteria

### *Design*

- the use of technical knowledge
- the relevant use of visual aids

### *Content*

- the relevance of the topic
- the structure of the presentation (introduction, main part, conclusion; signposting and linking devices)
- the message of the presentation
- the weightiness of the arguments used in support of the presenter's view
- creativity

### *Presentation*

- the language of the presentation (advanced vocabulary and grammar, pronunciation)
- artistic and interactive skills of the presenter (arousing interest, establishing and maintaining eye contact, dealing with questions, confidence, speed, dealing with nerves etc.)
- timing

5. Time limit: 8-10 minutes

6. The presentations are assessed and awarded by professors and teachers of the Department for Translation Studies, Interpreting and Translation, fifth-year-students and post-graduate students.

7. You can win the main prize or be awarded in one of the following nominations:

- thought-provoking presentation (for the presentation stimulating interest, careful consideration and attention or changing your attitude to something)
- eloquence (for using the language with fluency and expressing ideas vividly, for persuasiveness and the power to stir emotions)
- technical excellence (for the most impressive use of technology)

8. The contestants are also asked to prepare a video, showing the process and atmosphere of the project working, allocation of tasks and problem-solving (2-3 minutes in length).