

# A POWERFUL VISION

# 2023

The availability of energy will be crucial to future generations. To stimulate the imagination of the current generation, unfettered by the mistakes of their elders, the Supporters of Nuclear Energy (SONE) is offering two prizes, each of £1000, to mark the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of its foundation on 1 June 1998.

## Competition

### The Sir William McAlpine Essay Prize

Open to students in full time school education in the UK. £1,000 awarded to the essay with the most realistic scientific and political imagination.

### The Sir Bernard Ingham Essay Prize

Open to UK residents under the age of 38 on 1 June 2023. £1,000 awarded to the essay with the most realistic scientific and political imagination.

## The Brief

The date is 2073 and your short essay tells the story of what has happened in the fifty years since the British Government finally started to take on board the superior benefits of nuclear energy. You describe what has happened to the energy supply, the climate and society in general. What other challenges have been faced? How have some of these been overcome? You may also look forward to 2098 and imagine what new problems might then be worrying the British people and their friends abroad, and how nuclear energy might contribute to their solution.

*“The discovery and control of such sources of power would cause changes in human affairs incomparably greater than those produced by the steam-engine four generations ago.”*

Winston Churchill 1931

## Submissions

Entries will be kept confidential, unless agreed otherwise by the author. They should include:

- a title and text of not more than 1500 words without the use of graphics
- the name of the sole author with address, email and phone number
- a statement that the author’s age, residence and educational status making her or him eligible for the prize
- an acceptance that the selection of the winning essays by SONE will be final and that SONE may publish the two winning essays with a list of runners up

Entries should be emailed to the relevant address in pdf format by the closing date, 31 August 2023, to:

[InghamPrizeEssay@sone.org.uk](mailto:InghamPrizeEssay@sone.org.uk)  
[McAlpinePrizeEssay@sone.org.uk](mailto:McAlpinePrizeEssay@sone.org.uk)

The SONE Committee expects the announcement of the winner and the presentation of the Prize to be made at the SONE Annual General Meeting at the Reform Club on Monday 16th October 2023.