A Portal to Your City!



Dear Teacher & Students

This is a quick guide to the IPhCO project A Portal to Your City. If you have any questions or need further information, please feel free to contact us. We will be happy to fill you in with more information!

The Story you want to share

People in small towns tend to know well the local stories and legends however this is not true in the big cities. A city is made of houses, streets, schools and parks, but also, of the energy of the people that built the city you know. Memories, stories, urban legends, everything together creating a local identity. When you start researching local stories, a process of enrichment, astonishment (by unraveling interesting facts) and a sense of purpose, of being part of something, takes place. From our perspective, it's a worthwhile experience, something that once started will continue, bringing you and your students unexpected treasures.

- ✓ Choose the story you want to share. Storytelling is Art and can connect you with other people, no matter where you are.
- ✓ Check if images are available to illustrate your story. You can also visit the place and capture images by yourself.
- ✓ Make sure you can visit, via Street View, the place you described in your story.
- ✓ Choose a story that connects with real life facts.

Note: You can add images to Street View, in a simple way, using your cell phone. Just download the Street View app and follow the instructions. If you have a 360-degree camera it will be even better.

Create your own Hints & Clues

If you already took part of IPhCO previous editions, you know how clues are important to solve a Question. Through the project *A Portal to Your City,* you can create your own clues and hints to challenge other students. If you like writing clues or making maps, you should give it a shoot. The more interesting or fun the clues, the better. Do you accept the challenge?

Some notes

- The best stories and clues will be included in future IPhCO editions and the one that ranks first will be also the theme of the 3rd IPhCO Postcard (golden key).
- All schools that send us a story or a clue will be included in The IPhCO Travelers Book and will have a
 chance to be included in The Amazing Book of Stories. Both can be find on the event's webpage. The IPhCO
 Travelers Book aims at registering information about the school, teachers and students that send material
 to the project. Contributions that earn the right to be included in the Olympiad will also be included in the
 Amazing Book of Stories.
- And remember, Stories of Everyday Life, about real people are the best! Accept the challenge! Embrace the adventure!

Hoping to hear from you...

Best regards

PhCO Team