

Fourth Swiss History Competition HISTORIA 2009-2011

«The World Of Labour»

Report

We successfully finished our competition round on the topic «The World of Labour» in May 2011. A national jury has examined 32 research works from 70 participants in total. The papers of 29 young people from all parts of Switzerland made it to the first ranks.

The young researches had taken on various topics, which they finished with dedication, diligence and perseverance. For example Viktoria Reiher's excellent work: she studied the life of midwives in the first half of the 20th century based on the life of her great-grandmother. Matteo Genovini did his research about the emigration of people from Ticino (Switzerland's Italian speaking part) to California. An exemple of handling new technologies: Natalie Streiff created a film about the history of a cotton spinning mill near Zurich. And to give an example regarding the category: «project work» – one prize was rewarded to an alternative city guide of Baden (a small city near Zurich), a joint work of 21 young researches.

Concerning the financial aspects we are proud that the foundation Mercator Switzerland is supporting our competition until the end of this year – our task is it now to win other sponsors for our still young but very successful competition.

Our next topic – until 2013 – is:
Local History – The HiStory Of A Certain Location.

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