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**Prize Winners Announced
for VLV's 2011 Student Essay Competition**
during VLV's 28th Annual Autumn Conference
Public Service Broadcasting under Siege?
Thursday, 30th November 2011
At the Geological Society, Burlington House, Piccadilly, London W1

The campaigning voices of younger listeners and viewers were celebrated today when two student writers received awards for their incisive and considered thoughts on what should be safeguarded in the Government's forthcoming Communications Green Paper. The debate around public service broadcasting remains centre stage in a turbulent year on the media front. As prizewinners in the 6th Voice of the Listener & Viewer (VLV) Student Essay Competition, the two contributors were congratulated for progressing the debate in their work.

The post-graduate winner, Anna Chapman received a cheque for £400 and certificate from Jon Snow of Channel Four 4 and runner-up Amie Tsang will receive a certificate. The competition is supported by The Voice of the Listener Trust and the cash prizes are provided by Channel 4. Both Anna and Amie will also enjoy work placements with Roger Graef at independent production company Films of Record.

The essay subject this year was: *What safeguards, if any, do you think should be in place to protect media pluralism, journalistic integrity, and opportunities for citizens and consumers to make their views known, in the Government's forthcoming Communications Green Paper? Should anything else be safeguarded in your opinion?*

Entries were invited in the form of written essays of a maximum 2,000 words.

The winner Anna Chapman who studied at the London College of Communications for its Diploma in Broadcast Journalism. She has recently been working as a journalist at ITV on *That Saturday Night Show* as well as working as a Junior Producer at Sky News.

The runner-up, Amie Tsang, has been studying for an MA in Political Journalism and Campaigning at City University, London. Amie has spent time as an intern on both The Financial Times and The Independent, as well as at the Argentina Independent in Buenos Aires.

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