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Never too Young for a Cause

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Henrik Arctander is a 12-year-old boy who lives 30 minutes outside of Oslo, Norway. Henrik's story concerns the explosives industry and he wants his story to be told.

Most of us fret over circumstances and worry about offending people. We ponder the injustice in the world, but step away from making a case for a cause. The following story is one shared by the International Society of Explosives Engineers (ISEE), and the main character is a determined young man named Henrik Arctander. Henrik is a 12 year old who lives near Oslo, Norway. With the approval of his parents, he is seeking assistance concerning the potential closing of a local museum.

"In my home place, Sætre in Hurum, there is an old dynamite factory from 1876. It belonged to Dyno Nobel. On the date of Alfred Nobel's 150th birthday in 1983, the factory was made into a museum. The factory site contains seven buildings with different productions..." Henrik began. (The museum was owned by Dyno Nobel until seven years ago when the area, including the museum, was purchased by Orica Mining of Australia.)

Throughout the years, the museum was cared for by former employees who volunteered. The employees also arranged guided tours, including tours for guests of the Norwegian Nobel Peace Committee.

Four years ago, the museum suddenly closed and its caretakers' keys taken away. Henrik says the owners asked the government for permission to tear the museum down, but the request was rejected. Following the action, another request was also denied for permission to burn the buildings down.

Henrik explained, "My school arranged a seminar for my class [7th grade] called *Find Old Memories from the Past and Bring Them to Class*. I chose to write

about the dynamite museum. When we presented the finished results for parents and teachers, many people came to me and were interested in my story. I promised to follow up and contact a newspaper [Drammens Tidende] which helped me get the story out to many readers."

The owner of the property has been unavailable for Henrik to meet with, but The Friends of the World's Most Explosive Museum Committee was formed, with a following of 50 members. Henrik informed ISEE, "Every time the destiny of the museum is spoken of in the media, I receive many phone calls, e-mails, and even old-fashioned letters from people I do not know. The last two weeks I have spoken to many people who have gotten renewed energy in their fight for taking care of this special place in my neighborhood." Henrik continues his quest to save the museum and he has inspired others. "...We would like people to know about the museum and be aware of... this little dynamite museum from Alfred Nobel. It is the only one."

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**Winning
Scholarship Essay**
By Bonnie Love, Editor
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Each year, **WWDR** offers readers the opportunity to win a scholarship to attend GEFCO's Annual Resource Drilling Fundamentals Training Seminar in Enid, Oklahoma. Essay applications from drilling professionals eager to attend this hands-on, informative, training seminar come from around the world. This year was no different.

After reviewing the numerous applications, our judges selected Raymond Barcelona from Legaspi Village, Makati City, in the Philippines, as this year's winner. Here is his winning essay:


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*Kind Regards
~ Raymond Barcelona
Geologist, NorAsian Energy*


WWDR would like to congratulate Raymond on being selected as our scholarship recipient and encourage everyone to apply for next year's scholarship. We will begin taking applications this summer, so watch for details in an upcoming issue.

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