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Translated entry forms (Arabic and Kurdish), an easy read version and a filmed version are available on our webpage [www.sthelens.gov.uk/youthopenart](http://www.sthelens.gov.uk/youthopenart). Our aim is to make this competition as accessible as possible, so please contact us to request translation of Council information into Braille, audio tape or a foreign language.



# ST HELENS YOUTH OPEN ART COMPETITION 2026

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## ENTRY FORM

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Using and Sharing your Information: St.Helens Council's Art Service will collect & store your data securely in accordance with the General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR) 2018. We will get in touch with the first named contact on your form in the case of any queries about your entry as well as to share occasional reminders or information about the exhibition, presentation event and artwork collection. The information will be stored in line with strict data management protocols and treated confidentially. It will be used only for the purposes of the Youth Open Art exhibition. However, should you wish to be included on our Arts Service emailing list, please tick here.  You can unsubscribe at any time. Please visit our website at [www.sthelens.gov.uk/artsezine](http://www.sthelens.gov.uk/artsezine) to view our Privacy Policy in full.



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## St Helens Youth Open Art Competition 2026:

This competition is an amazing opportunity for young people in St Helens Borough to showcase their artistic talents through a collective exhibition. Across St Helens Borough, we understand the value of arts and culture, and so we aim to provide all children and young people with as many opportunities as possible to develop, share and celebrate their creative skills. The competition is organised by St Helens Cultural Education Partnership, known as Cultured.

### Submissions

To enter the Youth Open Art competition, we are inviting young people up to the age of 19 to submit original artwork that explores:

#### What brings you joy?

Entries will be selected for exhibition and to be in with the chance to win a prize. We are looking for original art works across all mediums including drawing, glass, textiles, sculpture, painting, print making; mixed media, photography and digital art. We can also include animation and film work in the final exhibition. Please visit our website for further information. To send film or animation submissions, please contact [nicolaashurst@sthelens.gov.uk](mailto:nicolaashurst@sthelens.gov.uk)

When you are ready to submit your artwork, choose which of the categories below best describes your work, then tick this box on the entry form. Artwork submissions will be accepted at the following locations between Tuesday 26th May and Friday 5th June:

St Helens Town Hall

World of Glass

Exhibitors will be notified by Friday 19th June and will be invited to attend the prize giving ceremony at the Town Hall on Tuesday 7th July.

### Categories

Artwork may be submitted into **one** of the following categories. Descriptions are for information only and artists can interpret them as they wish and decide which their work fits into.

**Collage** – collage describes both the technique and the resulting work of art in which pieces of paper, photographs, fabric and other materials are arranged and stuck down onto a supporting surface,

**Colour** – Artworks in this category celebrate colour and could include paintings, pastels, watercolours, inks etc.

**Drawing** – Drawing is essentially a technique in which images are depicted on a surface by making lines, though drawings also contain tonal areas, washes and other marks. Art works in this category could be created with pencils, ink, charcoal, graphite, pens etc.

**Film/animation** - MOV or MP4.

**Photography/graphic art**

**Sculpture** – Three-dimensional art made by one of four basic processes: carving; modelling; casting; constructing.

Primary, Secondary and SEND prizes will be awarded and all exhibitors will be presented with a certificate.

### Entry guidelines

- All submitted artworks must be original works of art
- Due to space limitations, artwork must not exceed **A3** for pieces submitted by **Key Stage 1, 2 or 3 pupils and A1 for Key Stage 4 pupils**
- Only one entry per person will be accepted
- **Up to 20 entries per school** - please do not submit whole classes but select the best.

### Artwork guidelines

- All work must be **ready for display**. Please **do not frame** the artwork but do mount it on some backing paper (see example).
- All work must be clearly labelled on the **FRONT** with your **name, age, category and school** (see example). The slip below must also be completed and paper-clipped to your entry.
- Please note that work is submitted at your own risk. Although every care will be taken, no liability will be accepted by the organisers, exhibition installers, St Helens Borough Council or our partner organisations.

**Joe Bloggs**  
6 years old  
Colour  
Sample Primary  
School



### Exhibition selection and prize-winners

Members of the judging panel will select exhibitors and prize-winners from the submitted artworks. Awards will be presented to winners at a prize giving ceremony at **St Helens Town Hall** on **Tuesday 7th July 2026**.

### Key dates

**Details distributed to schools** - February 2026

**Entry submission** -26th May-5th June 2026

**Exhibition Dates**, St Helens Town Hall – Saturday 4th – Tuesday 7th July

**Exhibition Prize Giving** – Tuesday 7th July 2026 from 6pm (details to be confirmed for prize winners)

**Artwork collection dates** (including artwork not selected for exhibition)

Monday 13th July – Friday 24th July

**ENTRY SLIP - to be completed and attached to your entry. Please also visit [www.sthelens.gov.uk/youthopenart](http://www.sthelens.gov.uk/youthopenart) and complete an online entry form.**

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ AGE: \_\_\_\_\_

SCHOOL: \_\_\_\_\_

SCHOOL EMAIL ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

If this entry is being submitted independently, please provide personal contact details below, as these will be used to contact exhibitors.

EMAIL ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

TELEPHONE NUMBER (only required if no email address is available): \_\_\_\_\_

TITLE OF ARTWORK: \_\_\_\_\_

CATEGORY:

Drawing  Colour  Collage  Sculpture

Photography/Graphic Art

Please tick the box that applies: Primary  Secondary  SEND

Please briefly explain how this artwork was made: \_\_\_\_\_

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