

2016 ABERDEEN FESTIVAL OF POLITICS ART COMPETITION FOR CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE

Aberdeen's Festival of Politics is about the politics all around us – politics with a small p!

First held in 2014, we aimed to engage people in the independence debate and help people make informed choices about the future of Scotland, whatever way we voted. We held a range of events including art workshops, film, music and comedy, as well as a big debate.

The Festival of Politics in 2016 will be bigger and better! It runs from 23 March – 3 April and will once again include the chance for young artists to express themselves, have their work shown off in an exhibition, and secure prizes for their class/group or themselves

This year the focus is Women and Politics, to examine the role played by women in leadership and to celebrate women who have made the world a better place.

THEMES:

The competition is open to all from Primary and Secondary so a range of prompt themes have been selected from across the festival programme that reflect the wide age range. They are:

The Most Important Woman I Know
Inspiring Women
That's a girl's toy
Female Heroes
Taken for Granted

Girl Power
Suffragettes
Female Influence
Land Girls
A Woman's Work

EXHIBITION:

Entries will be exhibited at Seventeen, Belmont Street during the festival and at the closing event 'The Big Debate' at the King's College Conference Centre, University of Aberdeen, Sun 3rd April 3-6pm.

PRIZES:

Entries will be judged by 26th March and winners notified soon after.
Prizes will be awarded in the following categories: P1-3, P4-7, S1-3, S4-6.

HOW TO ENTER:

Create an artwork in response to one of the competition themes. Complete an entry form. Send it in to have your art exhibited in the city centre and to be eligible for prizes.

Entry forms can be downloaded from our website (www.aberdeenfestivalofpolitics.org.uk) and should accompany each entry. Children should give their picture a title, (up to a maximum of ten words). This must be included. Entries should arrive by the closing date of **22nd March 2016**. If your school or group creates multiple entries, collection may be possible by arrangement via aberdeenfestivalofpolitics.org.uk. Any out of school groups, such as Brownies and Cubs, may also enter. Young people can also enter the competition individually if their school is not taking part.

RULES:

1. You must be of school age.
2. You need to include permission from an adult for entrants under 16.
3. We can only accept original artworks and it must be the entrant's own unaided work.
4. Please don't roll, fold, crease or bend your entry and submit it by **22nd March 2016** to:
Festival of Politics
c/o 18a Beechgrove Terrace
Aberdeen
AB15 5ED
5. Entries may be used in publicity materials for the festival.
6. Entries must be accompanied by a completed entry form. **The entrant's name or their school must not appear on the front of the entry.** The artwork will not be judged if the entrant's age and class is not submitted. Artwork with incomplete details (particularly the child's age) on the entry form will not be judged.
7. Prizes will be awarded in the following categories: P1-3, P4-7, S1-3, S4-6. There will also be prizes of art and craft materials for schools or groups who have submitted high standard work.

8. Artworks will be returned to the entrant's school after the festival has ended.