

Art Competition - Climate Refugees

Artwork Theme:

Our aim for the 2018 Birmingham Friends of the Earth Art Competition is to raise awareness of 'climate refugees,' encouraging consideration for the disproportionate effects of climate change. It is thought that by 2020 there will be 50 million persons forced to migrate because of climate change or environmental degradation, expanding to a huge 150 million by 2050. Populations from the South Pacific to Central Africa, South Asia to South America, are affected by this particular plight; people are driven from their homes due to increased frequency and severity of natural disasters. Droughts, rise in seas levels, glacial melting and extreme weather events are causing mass displacement, within and between countries. It seems public contention regarding issues of both climate change and refugees, blurs the extremity of these circumstances, whilst the UN Convention on Refugees conspicuously neglects reference to the environmental impetus for seeking refuge. As human activity continues to influence the environment, climate and ecology of our planet, we must heighten our sensitivity to, and capacity to recognize, the potential for negative impact.

For more information regarding 'climate refugees,' follow the link below:

<https://www.foe.co.uk/climate-change/climate-refugees>

For our Art Competition we are inviting people to try and explore the theme of Climate Refugees through a piece of art. This may be tackled in any manner you wish. You may also broadly examine the relationship between person and home or empathise with the loss of home as a theme to explore also. There are few restrictions, apart from that obviously we do not want any offensive pieces and would like the creator to be sensitive to the issue.

Any medium of art is accepted: from painting to drawing, papier-mâché to photographs. Realistic or abstract, you are free to interpret as you see fit. We must, however, limit size of the piece to A3 footprint (& height).

Winning artwork is to be exhibited in places of note around Birmingham, with the hope to draw attention to the cause through your beautiful pieces.

1. Age Requirement:

This Art Competition is open to all artists of any age. There will be a primary category 5-11 years. A secondary category aged 12-17 and a final category of 18+. There will be a winner, a runner up and a 3rd place winner for all three categories.

2. The Work Must Be Original:

The art you submit must be of your own creation and should be your own original idea.

3. Entry Fees:

This competition is free to enter. YAY! :)

4. Repeat Entries and Multiple Submissions:

You are allowed to submit art that has been entered into other competitions and are allowed to submit more than one piece per person.

5. Non-exclusive Permissions:

When you enter this competition, you are giving us license to use your artwork on the Birmingham Friends of the Earth website, in our newsletters, in advertisements for the competition to the general public and displayed in Birmingham City Centre. Winning submissions will be displayed on the website and in the City area but can be removed upon request, at a later date.

6. File Sizes and Formats:

The art piece can be any size, format, or medium with A3² as the maximum size. Your images are best represented at the highest possible resolution of quality. If you are sending your piece by email please take a picture of your piece or scan it in as a jpg, or png.

7. The Entry Process:

a. Send in your entry as a jpg or png via email to info@birminghamfoe.org.uk with the subject heading as 'Competition Entry'. With the attached image, write your name and age, the name of the piece, what medium was used to create your piece and a little bit about the piece you are submitting and how it relates to the topic.

Your artwork may need to be shipped if you are a winner of the competition and you are not able to bring it in to Birmingham.

b. Alternatively, drop your entries to our building: The Warehouse Cafe, 54-57 Allison St, Birmingham B5 5TH. Your entry must include your name and age, the name of the piece, what medium was used to create the piece and a little bit about the piece you are submitting and how it relates to the topic. Your artwork can then be collected after the competition is over.

9. Returning Artwork:

After the duration of the exhibition - the winning artwork will be in location until July 14th - the artwork will be returned to The Warehouse. It is then expected that the artwork will be collected by its owner, the deadline for this to take place is August 1st. If the owner of the artwork does not want their artwork, contact Birmingham Friends of the Earth.

10. Judging Criteria:

Your entry must follow the competition theme.

Your work should be original and interesting.

We would like your work to impact the viewer in relationship to the theme.

The composition and design will also be judged.

The entry must not be offensive and the creator must be sensitive to the issue.

11. Submission Deadlines:

The competition closes on midnight on the 6th May.

12. Prizes:

There will be 3 main prizes and 6 smaller prizes, however the 9 winning pieces will also be placed in locations around the Birmingham City Centre.

13. Artwork Liability

By submitting artwork the artist is accepting full responsibility for their own artwork. We Birmingham Friends of the Earth are not responsible for lost or damaged artwork. The artwork will be displayed in locations around the city centre and with this knowledge the artists work is held at their own risk.

14. Copyright:

The artist of the piece will retain all copyrights to their artwork.