

Video transcript

Art Competition for Schools 2019

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3.13

Speakers:

Siobhan McConnachie, Lindsey Hamilton and various children

Siobhan McConnachie

The art competition is an annual art competition run by the National Galleries of Scotland. And the purpose behind it is just to inspire schools to make art. And for teachers, to give teachers a bit of guidance if they need it to encourage their pupils to make art.

The event today's a prize giving, so every winner and their families and teachers are invited along to the prize giving and it's just a really special day, it's in a beautiful building everybody gets their moment on stage, quite rightly because they've put such hard work into their art.

Child 1

I drew an oil pastel painting, a zombie kind of thing with fire hair.

Child 2

So I used chalk pastels on the background, and then used paper and I cut them up and glued them on, and then tissue paper, and paint and some pencil.

Child 3

I used acrylic paints to make a little girl jumping in a puddle, it's got loads of contrast, I liked the contrast, and I used acrylic paints because they're my favourite media.

Child 4

I actually used oil pastels and paint to make this picture, and it's all about me trying to save this dragon's eggs.

Child 3

I think it's the satisfaction when it turns out well because there's all the 'I hate this, it's terrible' going through it, and then when you get to the end and it's a finished piece it's great, it's so rewarding

Child 5

I love how art, nothings wrong and you can just express yourself and stuff like that.

Lindsey Hamilton

The quality's amazing, it is, and every year we think what a brilliant bunch, what an incredible array of artwork.

It surprises us every year, every year and it's lovely because each year you sort of say 'Oh it can't possibly top it' and every year is just a new bunch of delight really.

Siobhan McConnachie

And then of course they get to see their work in the art gallery on the wall and that's the real high point I think. I'm incredibly proud that everybody's taken the time to participate in the competition, what I hope is that more and more school take part, because the taking part is the excitement of submitting the work, are they going to win? And then for those winners, the excitement of having won and the pride of the school.

So I just hope that for next year we get more and more schools taking part and more and more children enjoying the experience.

Child 5

I've enjoyed seeing lots of other peoples work and the range of age as well so I found that really fun.

Child 3

Yeah, it was a kind of, I'll enter, might not win, either way doesn't bother me, but winning it was just wow.

Child 2

Definitely do it because, I didn't think I would be able to get a prize at all with it and it definitely is a good place to come to.

Child 5

You should definitely do it, give it a go even if you don't think your good at art, you should just try it anyway.

Child 6

Just make it the best you can, it doesn't matter if you don't win, it's just taking part that counts.