

Art Competition - Climate Refugees

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Artwork Theme:

Climate Refugees are people who have been forced to leave their **home** because of terrible weather. As some of you might know, the world is getting warmer every year and this is making the weather change and sometimes very extreme things are happening.

For some people, these changes are forcing them to leave their homes, this could be due to flooding. Imagine if it rained and rained so much that all of our houses got flooded.

What if there was a drought? There would not be enough water so we would have to leave our home to find water.

As the weather of our planet is changing (called climate change) some people are not able to go back to their **home**, this is not their fault or their choice. They must find a new place to live where they can be safe from these changes. Sometimes they have to leave the country they are from.

Losing their **homes** can make people very sad and we are trying to help people understand that this is happening, so we can see if anyone can help them. Climate change (the climate getting warmer) is making these climate events worse and they are happening more often. This means that there are going to be more and more climate refugees (people who lost their home).

Birmingham Friends of the Earth are holding this Art Competition to raise awareness of 'Climate Refugees,' and open people's eyes to what these people are going through.

So.. We want **you** to think of what **home** means to you and how it would feel to lose your **home**. We would then like you to create any piece of art of your choice, about how you feel about your **home**; this could be a picture of your favourite space, the lovely people you share your home with, the food you might get to eat at home! Anything you can think of that explains how you feel about your **home**.

You can draw, paint, papier-mâché, produce a photograph or any other thing you like. The largest artwork you can create is size A3 (a normal piece of paper x2)

There will be 3 winners in this age category and if you win your art will be placed somewhere in Birmingham for everyone to see! We want people of all abilities to enter, so just have a go and most importantly, have FUN!

Rules

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. 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.

5. File Sizes and Formats:

The art piece can be any size, format, or medium with A3 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.

6. 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, 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.

7. Judging Criteria:

Your art must be to do with what home means to you or how it would feel to lose your home.

8. Submission Deadlines:

The competition closes on midnight on the 6th May.

9. 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.

10. 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.

11. 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.

12. Copyright:

All artist will retain the copyright of their artwork.