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Gordon Art Exhibition Young Persons Art Competition

The GAE committee wants to encourage creativity and confidence in young people and the the Art Exhibition provides an excellent opportunity to do this.

To encourage participation and raise awareness of the event the Gordon Art Exhibition Young Person's Art competition was launched .

In 2018 it was successfully trialled with the cooperation of the Art Dept of Inverurie Academy who ran the competition with their S3 Year group.

Approximately 25 young people entered and all had the opportunity to exhibit and sell their artwork at the Showcase Event held in the town hall in March 2018.

Their work was also exhibited in the Acorn Arts Centre , Inverurie for a month where it continued to be viewed by the public.

With the competition proving to be a success the programme was widened to enable access to a greater number of young people, those ranging in age from 7 -18.

Chapel of Garioch Primary, Kellands Primary School and Inverurie Academy all took part in the 2019 Art Competition. Approximatey 80 children submitted work through their schools and the standard was superb.

The winning entrants were given their own exhibition space at the 2019 event and Paul Ritchie a renowned Artist from Collieston was invited to hand out the awards and prizes to the winning recipients. The prizes included Gift vouchers for Hobbycraft to encourage the young people to continue being creative and the overall winner won an afternoon workshop with local artist Jane McMillan.

The competition will be running again in 2020 and we will be inviting a greater number of local schools to take part.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the teaching staff and parents of those who took part in this years competition. Running an art competition requires a lot of paper work , from permission slips to detailed information about each piece that has been submitted, keeping this in order and ensuring everyone has signed everything is a task in itself , thank you

And also to the Young People that took part this year, your work was inspirational.

By taking part in the first competition held by the Gordon Art Exhibition you will have unknowingly encouraged a whole new group of youngsters , brothers, sisters ,friends at school ,to take part in next year's competition.

Thank you and we look forward to seeing your future art work.

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