

"My Voice in Art"

Hertfordshire County Council Art Contest

Let's celebrate the power of art and inspire others!

If you are:

- A child or young person with special educational needs
- Between the ages of 0 and 25 years old
- A resident of Hertfordshire



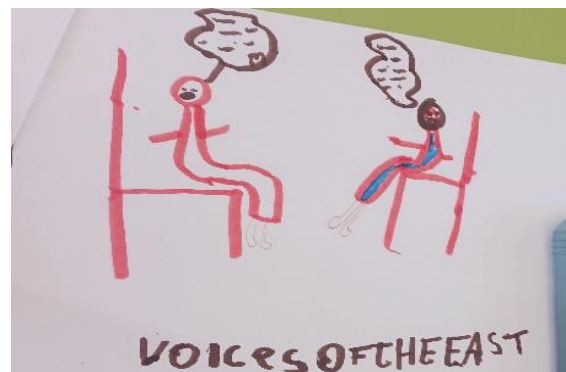
Then come and join in our art contest!

What is it about?

Some people use different ways to communicate with each other. This helps them understand things and feel better about sharing their ideas.

We all have different ways we prefer to stay in touch and speak to each other:

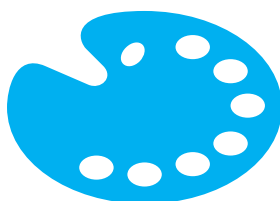
- Some people use **British Sign Language**, or **Makaton**.
- Some people find phone calls difficult, and **emailing or messaging** a lot easier.
- Some people need **more time** and **clear sentences** to understand what is being said to them.



"The power of talk", by a young man who attended a Voices of the East event in June 2024 with Services for Young People.

It is important that people know how to communicate with us. This helps us feel listened to and more confident.

What to do:



Make a piece of art that shows how you like to **communicate with people**. Your artwork can show *any* form of communication!

Think about what helps you communicate with others. You can use **anything you like** to create your art. Be as creative as you can!

Next Steps:

1. Take a photo or scan of your art.
2. Email this to policyandpractice@hertfordshire.gov.uk
3. Include your **name, age and contact details**.
4. Make sure the email header contains "My Voice In Art".

The deadline for submissions is **Friday 27th September at 5 o'clock**.



How we will judge:

- We will showcase entries at our SEND Festival of Practice. The theme of this festival is "**The Voice of the Child/Young Person**".
- Adults who work with children and young people like you will get to see your art.
- These adults will learn more about how important different communication is. They will then vote for their favourites!
- We will announce the winners at the SEND Festival of Practice closing event on **11th October**.

SEND drawing competition

winner:

Elijah, age 6



"Elijah has drawn his cat - Princess Leia. He absolutely loves her and spends all his time at home with her. He has ASD and enjoys the interaction with his pet."

Prizes:



First prize:

A two-hour, fun filled creative session (1:1), at the CathARTic workshop in Watford. You can pick the creative activities you'd like to do, with everything designed around your interests and tailored especially for you.

Activities can include drawing, painting, crafting, customising t-shirts, jewellery making, paper marbling, ink pouring, badge making, photography, stop-motion animation, sensory based craft, or most other creative activities you can think of!

Runner-up prize:

If you are over 18: a space in one of CathARTic's Day Opps sessions.

If you are under 18: a space in a session running during the school holidays.

You will take part in a variety of exciting and fun creative activities and have lots of lovely things you will make to take home!

After the SEND Festival of Practice, we will put you in touch with the team. They will provide a list of available dates to choose from.

Please see our disclaimer below for further entry terms and conditions.

Thank you and good luck!

SEND drawing competition winner: Fatima, age 10



"Life is full of colours. I love drawing and expressing myself through it."

Please note that by submitting your artwork you consent to have it displayed on the Local Offer and the SEND Festival of Practice. The festival will include photos and videos. We may use these on social media and other marketing platforms to promote the event.

Hertfordshire County Council reserves the right to use all submitted images/works for any purpose. This includes reports, documentation, promotions, and online publications. Participants waive any claims to compensation or ownership of submissions.

We can only accept the first 80 submissions. We cannot guarantee that your work will be chosen. But we will contact you if we choose your submission.

Your submission to this contest acts as your agreement to these terms.