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Diversity  
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# Competition Details 2019

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## Background to the competition

The NASUWT **arts & minds** Competition is a major UK-wide competition that has been running successfully for over ten years. Its aim is to promote and celebrate cultural diversity.

The Competition is a great opportunity to discuss and explore diversity and community cohesion with students, using art and creative writing.

Over the years, teachers have incorporated the Competition into their lessons across the curriculum, including history, humanities, literacy, art and citizenship, as well as school projects.

### **arts & minds** Competition – 2019

The Competition challenges children and young people to use art and creative writing to explore themes of cultural diversity, race, equality and identity. Entries should reflect the Competition's aims to promote cultural diversity and equality and tackle racism in schools.

## Categories

### CREATIVE WRITING

This category includes all forms of creative writing, e.g. stories, poetry and lyrics.

Working with our partners at the Anne Frank Trust UK, we also have a separate category for the **Anne Frank Poetry Award** for poems inspired by the life and writing of Anne Frank. For more information about this award, go to [www.annefrank.org.uk](http://www.annefrank.org.uk).

### ART

This category covers all entries of artwork using a variety of media, including photography, digital artwork (excluding film and animation) and collages. Students should be encouraged to be as creative as possible but keep within the Competition guidelines.

Prizes will be awarded to the best entries from across England, Northern Ireland, Scotland and Wales in the following categories:

Primary: up to the age of 11;  
Secondary: up to the age of 16;  
Special: designated special school or unit.

## Awards ceremony

The winners will be invited to attend a prestigious awards ceremony in Central London, which will be held during Black History Month on 8 October 2019. The NASUWT will provide overnight accommodation at a top London hotel and appropriate travel and subsistence expenses for winning pupils, their parent/guardian and a teacher. Please note that for group entries a small number of pupils will be invited to represent the group.

## Prizes

Prizes include up to £1,000 for each school and vouchers worth up to £100 for individual pupils.

Tickets for a popular London tourist attraction before the ceremony will also be provided.

## Competition guidelines

- Competition entries must be submitted by schools on behalf of pupils. Schools can submit more than one entry.
- Each entry must be accompanied by a completed entry form, which must be attached to the back of the piece of work with the entry details visible.
- Further entry forms are available from the NASUWT website at [www.nasuwt.org.uk/artsandminds](http://www.nasuwt.org.uk/artsandminds) and photocopied forms can be used.
- Creative writing and poetry entries will only be accepted from individual pupils and not groups.
- Artwork can be the work of individual pupils or a group of pupils.
- Entries will be accepted in any language, and in Braille.
- E-mailed entries and CDs/USBs will not be accepted.
- Schools are advised not to submit work that may be needed for assessment purposes.
- Schools should not submit artwork that is fragile or is composed of foodstuffs or potentially dangerous items such as pins or needles.
- All entries should be appropriately packaged for safe delivery by post.
- The NASUWT cannot accept responsibility for any entries lost or damaged in the post.
- The NASUWT does not return entries.
- All winning pupils (or a number of representatives in the case of group entries) will be invited to the awards ceremony to receive their prizes.
- An overall prize will be awarded to one of the category winners. This will be the entry that is judged to be the most outstanding overall.
- Decisions from the judging panels will be communicated to schools at the end of the academic year.
- **SIZE LIMIT FOR WORK.** We are unable to accept artwork that exceeds 180cm by 180cm and creative writing that exceeds 2,500 words.