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Calling all young artists – Fingal is looking for your masterpieces

Fingal County Council launches Centenary Schools Art Competition

Dublin, April 14, 2016 As part of the Fingal 2016 Centenary Programme, Fingal County Council are inviting primary schools students throughout the county to enter the Fingal 2016 Centenary Schools Art Competition. Brochures promoting this exciting children's art competition have been sent to all primary schools in Fingal County Council. The competition is open to children from Junior Infants to Sixth Class.

Through the competition, the Council is asking children to think about what life was like 100 years ago for people in Ireland. In 1916, the availability and use of bicycles was a key component in the transfer of information as many of the messages delivered to the volunteers would have been by bicycle, often by a female messenger such as Mary (Molly) Adrien who delivered dispatches from Patrick Pearse in the GPO to Thomas Ashe in the Swords area. As transport has changed so much in the past 100 years – Fingal County Council would like students to draw a picture of what they imagine transport will look like in the next 100 years.

To enter the competition, drawings (up to A3 size paper only) must be sent to Fingal County Council Centenary Office, County Hall, Swords, Co. Dublin, before Tuesday, May 3. The overall winner will win a Bike courtesy of Halfords Swords, first runner-up will win a place on the Irish Cycling Centre's Children's Summer

Cycle Camp in Malahide Castle and second runner-up will win Family Tickets to Draiocht's Locha on July 2. The winners and their teachers will be invited to a reception in Swords County Hall and the winning entries from each school will be displayed in libraries throughout Fingal.

Speaking at the launch of the competition, Eithne Mallin, Fingal County Council Centenary Programme Co-Coordinator, commented: "The Fingal 2016 Centenary Schools Art Competition is an opportunity for all primary school children in the county to engage in the centenary programme and to be part of this legacy event. We hope that children and schools throughout Fingal will get involved in the competition. We are really looking forward to seeing the entries as we know there are lots of creative and talented children in the area."

The Centenary Schools Art Competition is part of Fingal County Council's Centenary Programme, which will see over 50 lectures, film screenings, performances, re-enactments, talks and exhibitions cumulate in a special Commemorative Day in Swords on Sunday April 24 in Swords Main Street and Town Park, from 4.30 pm. This FREE family event will feature a state ceremonial event with the raising of the flag and the reading of the Proclamation, followed by a parade on Main Street and additional family events in the Town Park culminating in a fireworks display.

For further information on the full Fingal 2016 Centenary Programme visit:

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