



Devon and Somerset Fire and Rescue Service

Children's Art Competition 2009: Entry Pack

Children in Devon and Somerset are being invited to illustrate the cover of the summary of our single equality scheme: 'Making the Connections'

1st Prize:

- The winning illustration on the cover of the single equality scheme summary, which will be distributed to communities throughout Devon and Somerset
- A visit for the winner, and their class, to Devon and Somerset Fire and Rescue Service Headquarters, to meet the Chief Fire Officer and tour the Urban Search And Rescue station
- Art materials for the winner and a PC/ laptop for the winner's school

Two runners up Prizes:

- A visit for both runners up to Devon and Somerset Fire and Rescue Service Headquarters, to meet the Chief Fire Officer and tour the Urban Search And Rescue station
- Art materials for the runners up

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This competition is aimed at children in foundation stage, key stage 1 or key stage 2 or equivalent

Dear Teacher,

The purpose of Devon and Somerset Fire and Rescue Service is to work with partners, communities and individuals to prevent emergency situations and to provide a response to fire, major flood, and road traffic collision emergencies. To carry out this work and to reach those in the greatest need in an increasingly diverse environment, it is important that we ensure everyone has access to our services, information and opportunities.

Devon and Somerset Fire and Rescue service has recently published its single equality scheme, entitled 'Making the Connections'. This title is intended to demonstrate the connections we should all make between what we do and the principles of equality and diversity, so we can embed these principles in our day to day work. We are currently drafting a summary version of the scheme to help inform communities about what we are doing, as a Fire and Rescue Service, to promote equality and dispel discrimination, and what we plan to do over the next three years.

We would like involve the primary school age children of Devon and Somerset in this project, by asking them to illustrate the front cover of the summary version.

We note that in the National Curriculum, the Personal, Social and Health Education and Citizenship framework for both key stages talks about 'Developing good relationships and respecting the differences between people'. In particular, key stage 1 ask that they be taught to identify and respect the differences and similarities between people, and key stage 2 takes the concept of diversity a step further; to recognise and challenge stereotypes, and 'that differences and similarities between people arise from a number of factors, including cultural, ethnic, racial and religious diversity, gender and disability'.

We are hoping that teachers might use this competition as an opportunity to demonstrate diversity in a way that children will enjoy, similarly, that it can contribute towards the goals of the Every Child Matters campaign. There is also the chance of winning some great prizes, including a computer for your school and, if your school would like to accept it, a visit for the winner's class to the Urban Search and Rescue Station at Headquarters.

The messages we would like to communicate to children with this competition include:

- There are lots of different people in our communities, including different races, genders, religions, people living with disabilities and people who have different lifestyles
- Being a Firefighter is a career everybody can consider
- We should treat each other with respect - and recognise that whilst everyone is different and individual, we all share common needs for safety, security, respect and love.

The theme of the cover competition is:

'People are different.'

We have included a message for your children in this pack, should you feel it appropriate to use. Thank you for taking the time to consider this competition for your children, and if you decide to encourage your class to enter, the very best of luck to each of them!

If teachers are not able to utilise the competition in the school environment, we would be grateful if they could encourage children to enter the competition during the summer holidays, with the permission of their parents/guardians. Full details of the competition are attached.

With kind regards,

Lee Howell

Chief Fire Officer

Devon and Somerset Fire and Rescue Service

Children's Art Competition 2009

Competition Details

1. Entrants should design a picture to illustrate the cover of the summary version of Devon and Somerset Fire and Rescue Service's Single Equality Scheme, 'Making the Connections'.

2. The picture should be in colour, using coloured pencils or felt tip pen on a white A4 piece of paper, and should reflect the theme:

'People are different.'

It is up to the artist how they interpret that theme and what differences they portray in their illustration! Each picture will be judged on both its individual appeal and how well the panel feels it reflects the theme. The theme does not have to be written on the picture.

3. A parent/carer or teacher should complete the entry form attached, and post it along with their picture, unfolded, in an A4 envelope to;

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Devon and Somerset Fire and Rescue Service

FREEPOST, The Knowle, Clyst St. George, Exeter, EX3 0NW

If a teacher completes the entry form the contact address given should be that of the school.

4. Prizes:

1st Prize

- The winning design on the cover of the summary single equality scheme, to be distributed to communities throughout Devon and Somerset

- A visit for the winner, and their class should the school wish, to Devon and Somerset Fire and Rescue Service Headquarters, to meet the Chief Fire Officer and tour the Urban Search And Rescue station
- Art materials for the winner and a computer for the winner's school

Two runners up Prizes:

- A visit for the runners up to Devon and Somerset Fire and Rescue Service Headquarters, to meet the Chief Fire Officer and tour the Urban Search And Rescue station
- Art materials for the runners up

5. The competition launches on June 25th 2009 and will close on August 25th 2009.
6. The judging panel will be made up of senior members of the Fire and Rescue Service staff and its Authority and members of reflective community groups.
7. The winner and runners up and their respective schools will be notified in writing and by telephone during the week commencing September 21st.
8. Presentation: The visit to Service Headquarters, Urban Search and Rescue Station 60 and the presentation of prizes will take place in the autumn. The competition winner and runners up will be notified of exact details in their notification letters. The class visit, if requested by the school, will be arranged for a later date which is mutually agreeable for the service and the school. Transport for this visit will be funded by the service.
9. We will unfortunately not be able to return entries, and will not be able to notify unsuccessful entrants by post. Results will be published on our website.
10. The winner's school will receive a PC specified to their requirements up to the value of £1000. The school receiving the equipment will be the school which the pupil attended on the date they entered the competition. This competition is open to pupils who attend school or who are schooled at home in the counties of Devon and Somerset at key stage 1 or 2 or equivalent. (Home school organisations have received a tailored competition pack. If a child educated at home is the winner of the

competition the PC or laptop will be received by a nominated community centre/youth group or school)

If you have any further questions about this competition, please contact Michelle Smitham, Equality and Diversity Officer, Devon and Somerset Fire and Rescue Service on 01392 872200.

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Message for children:

Hello from Devon and Somerset Fire and Rescue Service!

Here's your chance to have a picture you have drawn printed on the cover of our new publication, which tells everyone what we are doing to help all the people in our communities - from different races, different religions, men and women, people living with disabilities and people who have different lifestyles to:

- Be safe from fire and from collisions on the road
- Consider working for the Fire and Rescue Service
- Treat each other, and expect to be treated, with respect and dignity

Please help us by designing the front cover of this new publication, with a drawing of your own which tells us:

'People are different.'

It's up to you how you interpret this sentence and you do not need to write the words on the picture. You can use coloured pencils or felt tip pens. Ask your teacher or a parent or carer to help you with the competition entry details.

What can you win?

1st Prize:

- Your winning illustration will be printed on the cover of our new publication and sent out to communities throughout Devon and Somerset
- You will visit Devon and Somerset Fire and Rescue Service Headquarters, to meet the Chief Fire Officer and tour the Urban Search And Rescue station
- You will win art materials for yourself and a computer for your school

Two runners up Prizes:

- You will visit Devon and Somerset Fire and Rescue Service Headquarters, to meet the Chief Fire Officer and tour the Urban Search And Rescue station
- You will win art materials for yourself

Have a go at winning these great prizes!

Competition Entry Form

This form must be completed by a teacher, parent or carer.

Please complete in block capitals

Name of entrant	
Name of teacher/parent or carer completing this form	
Please indicate your role	School Teacher <input type="checkbox"/> Parent or Carer <input type="checkbox"/>
Home Address (If completing this form as a school teacher please enter the school contact details only)	
Home telephone number	
School Address (if home schooled enter n/a or name of supporting body) (If completing this form as a parent or carer please also include school details if your child attends school)	
Pupil's class	
School telephone number	
To be signed by teacher, parent or guardian: I confirm that the entrant has permission to enter this competition. I understand that the winner/runners up and their schools where applicable will be informed in writing and contacted by telephone by Devon and Somerset Fire and Rescue Service. Data Protection Statement: Devon and Somerset Fire and Rescue Service (DSFRS) are registered under the Data Protection Act 1998. The information you provide will be used by DSFRS solely for the purposes of managing the competition. Following the deadline for the competition, DSFRS will contact the winners and then destroy the information. Your information will not be shared with any other organisation unless required to do so by law. Signed: Date of signature:	