

# ART ACROSS CULTURES EXHIBITION



Art has an unparalleled ability to transcend barriers and connect people across cultures, languages and backgrounds. This exhibition illustrates what young people think about Racism through the medium of Art. The exhibition is the voice of our youth and as you see, it is a wonderful expression from our young people.

Fingal County Council's Community Development Office Integration Team and the Irish Traveller Movement have been working together for a number of years to raise awareness of racism in Fingal.

In 2023 part of that work included a focus on awareness raising in relation to Racism and delivering messages to counter Racism. Working with our schools' network, we asked young people to express their ideas about the importance of integration, inclusion.

All 178 entrants, aged from 12 to 18 years, not only demonstrated this but in so doing, created a call to action, inspiring those who see racism, to question and reflect their own perspectives about the importance of diversity and inclusion. Their creativity is not just art for art's sake; it is a driving force for positive change.

Our top three winners - Yaroslava Fesak - St Mary's College, Sarah Ward - Youth Advocate Programme and Sarah McKeown - Bailieborough Community School, have exemplified positive messaging on diversity and inclusion and we congratulate them.

As our entrants travel their creative journeys, we hope they take with them pride, that their contribution to this art project will create a ripple effect that will continue to build waves of awareness and understanding.

May your passion for anti-racism and your dedication to using your artistic voices for social good continue to grow and inspire others.

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