

Life Advocate Awards 2023

Entries Open:
3rd October 2022

Entries Close:
27th February 2023

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ESSAY COMPETITION AND **NEW!** ART COMPETITION

In addition to the yearly Life Advocates Essay Competition, we are introducing a new separate LifeAdvocates Art Poster Competition, for students to create visual pieces reflecting and exploring the theme. This will allow students to express themselves through another medium, with separate prizes for the Art Poster competition and the Essay competition.



Theme:

"The time is always right to do right"

(Martin Luther King Jr., Stanford 1967)

Call for Entries

The Life Advocates Essay Competition was set up some years ago to encourage research and critical thinking on right-to-life issues. Each year we ask students to discuss the words of a well-known human rights advocate. For the 2023 theme, we have taken inspiration from Martin Luther King Jr., whose words of challenge, justice and non-violence continue to resonate and inspire around the world.

We hope that the competition also provides teachers with a useful opportunity to guide students to develop understanding, clarity of thought and language, as well as genuine concern for this important issue of our time.



2022 Winners Photos:

First place winner (above right): Keeley-Mae Rafferty - St Catherine's College, Armagh;

Second place winner (bottom left): Erin Kerr - Rathmore Grammar School, Belfast;

Third place winner (bottom middle): Kerri McCrystal with Miss.D McKenna & Mrs. M.Kerr (RE Dept) - St. Ciaran's College, Ballygowley;

Third place winner (bottom right): Zoya Dabir - Rathmore Grammar School, Belfast.



How to Submit Entries

The website **www.life-works.ie** will host all the details of how students can submit entries. While these are straightforward, we encourage teachers to familiarise themselves with them (especially for the new Art Poster competition) in case the students may need assistance.

Prizes

Both the Life Advocate Essay and Poster winners each receive a stylish trophy and certificate, together with **1st prize €300/£260 and a visit to Leinster House with your class.**

School Award

We are offering a trophy and prize of **€120/£100** to the school that submits the most entries to our competition (minimum three entries, across either essays, art posters or both).

Essay Rules:

We are looking for structured, well-composed essays reflecting the general theme above. Essays should be 600-750 words. We encourage research (but if statistics or quotations are used in the essay, they must be referenced).

Art Poster

We are looking for 2D posters, with any or all of the following elements: imagery, lettering, montage, etc.

Artwork must be an original work by the participant. No collaborative work, photocopies or use of copyrighted material is permitted. Art Posters will be viewed by the judges as scanned images. Each poster is evaluated on originality, adherence to theme, artistic ability and overall effect.

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2022 AWARD WINNERS

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Second: Erin Kerr,
Rathmore Grammar School, Belfast

Third: Kerri McCrystal,
St. Ciaran's College, Ballygawley

Third: Zoya Dabir,
Rathmore Grammar School, Belfast.

2021 AWARD WINNERS

First: Zoya Dabir,
Rathmore Grammar School, Belfast

Second: Conor McCann,
Rathmore Grammar School, Belfast

Third: Ava McGinn,
Thornhill College, Derry

Right: 2021 first place award winner
Zoya Dabir, Rathmore Grammar School,
Belfast.



Left: 2021 second place award
winner Conor McCann,
Rathmore Grammar School, Belfast



Right: 2021 third place award winner
Ava McGinn, Thornhill College, Derry

