

Inspired by...



The V&A's annual competition for people studying arts and crafts part-time

Participants are invited to create a work of art inspired by the collections of the V&A South Kensington (including the National Art Library) and the V&A Museum of Childhood in Bethnal Green. A panel comprising curators, educators and a professional designer will judge entries, and winning entries and other selected works will be displayed in V&A South Kensington or the V&A Museum of Childhood. Winners in each category also receive a prize.

Inspired by... is supported by NIACE, the National Institute of Adult Continuing Education

Competition criteria

Who can enter the competition?

- Participants on part-time adult education courses
- Courses must be at least eight weeks in length
- Courses may be accredited or non-accredited
- Students should not submit work made as part of courses at degree level or above
- Participants must be over 18 years old
- Students can enter individually or as part of a group
- Students whose artwork was chosen for the 2011 *Inspired by...* display cannot enter the competition again this year
- Entry to the competition is free

What may be entered?

- Students may submit any art, craft, multimedia or digital work, video or animation that they have produced in the current or previous year within their institution. They may only enter one piece of work.
- Please note that we cannot guarantee that we will be able to display large or heavy items.
- The entry must have been inspired by the V&A's collections, exhibitions or displays. Students may visit the V&A in person or refer to our websites or catalogues. Inspiration may come from several sources, including objects from different eras, countries or artistic disciplines, but this should be traceable. Students should create original designs and not make copies of museum pieces.

How are entries judged?

Entries will be assessed using the following criteria:

- Evidence of inspiration from the V&A's collections
- Technical skill
- Creativity and innovation
- Evidence of benefit from adult education and from the *Inspired by...* competition
- Evidence of overcoming barriers related to lack of previous education or art experience, disability etc.

What is submitted?

1. A completed copy of the attached application form (a large print version is available upon request).
2. 1–2 printed photographs plus 1 digital photograph (supplied on CD) of the final piece.
3. A printed photograph of the V&A object(s) that inspired you.
4. Up to three loose A4 sheets of supporting drawings and photographs detailing the creation of your object.
Please do not send any folders or sketchbooks.

Please note:

- Artworks must be finished by the time of submission.
- Please do not deliver the piece itself – if your artwork is selected we will contact you to arrange delivery in early July 2012.
- The name of entrants must be marked on all pieces of work.
- We regret that we are unable to provide notification of receipt of applications.

Entry deadline

Applications must be received by post or delivered in person by Wednesday 16 May 2012 to:

Inspired by... competition

Learning Department

V&A South Kensington

Cromwell Road

London SW7 2RL

What happens if your artwork is selected?

Applicants will be contacted in June 2012 to inform them whether their artwork has been selected or not.

Selected artworks will be displayed from 6 October 2012 – 13 January 2013 at the V&A South Kensington or the V&A Museum of Childhood. Winning artworks will receive a prize.

Contact Details

V&A South Kensington, Cromwell Road, London SW7 2RL, 020 7942 2000, www.vam.ac.uk

- *Inspired by...* contact: Marilyn Greene (Project Co-ordinator), 020 7942 2212, m.greene@vam.ac.uk
- Access contact: Barry Ginley (Disability and Access Officer), 020 7942 2766, b.ginley@vam.ac.uk

V&A Museum of Childhood, Cambridge Heath Road, London E2 9PA, 020 8983 5200, www.vam.ac.uk/moc

- Contact: Carolyn Chinn (Learning Manager), 020 8983 5220, cchinn@vam.ac.uk

Participating museums

Visit www.vam.ac.uk/inspiredby to find out about other museums participating in the project.

If you work at a museum and would like to discuss future participation, please contact Marilyn Greene using the contact details provided above.

Although *Inspired by...* at the V&A is no longer part of Adult Learners' Week we are still intending to offer some events at this time. Please see www.alw.org.uk for further information.

INSPIRED BY... 2012 APPLICATION FORM

About you

Mr Mrs Ms Miss Other: First name: Surname:

Address:

Town: Postcode: Tel:

Email:

Age group: 18–24 25–34 35–44 45–54 55–59 60–64 65+

Educational/professional qualifications (please also state if you have any art/design related qualifications):

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Artistic background:

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Working status: full-time part-time Job title:

not working homemaker retired unemployed student Other

About your learning institution

Name and address:

Town: Postcode: Tel:

Course name: Day & time of course:

Level: Name of Tutor(s):

About your artwork

Title and date of your artwork:

Dimensions (in cm): Material(s) used:

Technique(s) used:

About your inspiration

Your artwork may have been inspired by more than one object in the V&A.

Title of the object: Artist:

Museum no.: Gallery name or Room no.:

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Were you inspired from visiting the museum sites or from looking at our websites?

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Please answer the following questions, writing in capitals or typing in the space provided. Some of the information provided may be used on the display labels: please underline anything that you would *not* like to be published.

How and why has your artwork been inspired by the V&A's collections?

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How have you benefited from attending your adult education course?

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How have you benefited from your involvement with the *Inspired by...* competition?

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What is your ethnic origin?

White British White Irish

Any other White background (Please specify)

Black British Caribbean African

Any other Black background (Please specify)

White & Black-African White & Black-Caribbean White & Asian

Any other mixed background (Please specify)

Asian British Indian Bangladeshi Pakistani

Other Asian background (Please specify)

Chinese or Chinese British

Other ethnic background (Please specify)

Do you consider yourself to have a disability, as defined under the Disability Discrimination Act 1995?

No Yes Please state the nature of your disability:

Have you visited the V&A before? No Yes If Yes how many times? 1 2 3 4 5+

Have you entered *Inspired by...* before? No Yes If Yes how many times? 1 2 3 4 5+

With whom did you visit when you got your *Inspired by...* inspiration? On my own With my art group

How did you hear about the competition? Word of mouth Poster College/institution

V&A website NIACE Other (Please specify)