

Children's Mangrove Calendar Art Contest

Dear Friend of the Mangroves,

We would like to invite children from your country to join in this fantastic, creative and educational competition. It is an opportunity for the younger generation to learn about the vital role Mangroves play in the lives of coastal communities and marine life around the world whilst letting them explore their imagination and have fun when creating their pieces of art.

This competition is a wonderful way for participating NGOs to build relationships with teachers and to develop children's understanding when thinking about the environment around them. Education about the importance of Mangrove and Coastal ecosystems is critical when affecting long-term change; they are the next generation of decision makers and we have the chance to teach them the value of the natural world, giving them a life-long appreciation and respect for their environment.

There are some significant changes to the rules and entry process this year due to the Covid-19 pandemic. This year, we have opened the competition to all children worldwide, encouraging everyone to get creative during this time while you may be stuck indoors and self-isolating.

As always, the selected winning artworks will be published in next year's calendar (2021), which will help to raise awareness of mangrove forests whilst encouraging and listening to the imaginative voices of the next generation. All student winners, participating NGOs and schools will receive copies of the final calendar, and the winning students will receive a signed official certificate showing their great achievement in this year's Children's Mangrove Art Contest.

Please do pass on information about this competition to your local schools, teachers, home schooling groups, youth groups and families. If you do need further ideas of how you or your schools can take part, please don't hesitate to get in touch with me at monicaguardo@olympus.net. And most importantly we want you all to stay safe and follow social distancing rules while taking part this year!

We look forward to seeing all your fantastic, colourful artwork!

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Monica Guardo', with a long, sweeping underline that extends to the left and then curves back under the name.

Children's Mangrove Calendar Art Contest Contest Instructions

These instructions are available in 9 languages: <https://mangroveactionproject.org/childrens-calendar/>

The theme for this year's competition, which is now open to children in all nations, is **"Why mangroves are important to the mangrove communities and the world"**.

Guidelines for Art Submissions:

Please read the following carefully as any artworks not following the guidelines will unfortunately not be accepted. If you have any questions regarding the competition or artwork guidelines, please contact **Monica** at monicagquarto@olympus.net



- **Contest Deadline: August 30th**
- **Technique:** We would like lots of COLOURFUL work please; no black and white! Paint, color pencil, ink, collage, pastel, crayons, etc. are all accepted. This can be on **canvas or paper**.
- **Dimensions: A3 Paper (42 cm x 30 cm or 18 in x 12 in)**
- **Format: LANDSCAPE:** this means the artwork should have the **longer length across** and the **shorter length up to down**
- **Age Limit:** from **6-16 years old**
- **One** submission per artist
- **Digital Submission:** Entries to this year's competition will be in digital format. This means that you must be able to scan or take a front on photograph which meets the following technical criteria. The artwork should be scanned or a photo taken at minimum 300dpi at a minimum resolution of 3712 x 2784, as a jpg file. The submitted file needs to be named using the last name of the student. For example Xiu Ying is sending a photo that should be named: Ying/MAP Artcontest/2020.jpg
- **Artist Identification:** When submitting please include the following details either as a separate word document file, or in the email. **In English:** the full name and age of the artist, the school name, address, city or town, country and title of artwork.
- Files must be sent to us via **WeTransfer**. Please send submissions to monicagquarto@olympus.net