



# NORTHERN IRELAND ASSEMBLY ART COMPETITION



## Information for Teachers

Get your pupils to design a new 'eco bag' for the Northern Ireland Assembly. The theme of the contest is 'A favourite outdoor space in Northern Ireland'.

### BACKGROUND

The Northern Ireland Assembly recently passed a law to help Northern Ireland tackle climate change. To mark this, the Assembly Commission is running a competition for Key Stage 2 pupils (P5, P6, P7) to design a new cotton 'eco bag', which will be sold in the gift shop in Parliament Buildings.

It is hoped that the competition will help raise awareness of the new law and the role of the Assembly in making legislation, and protecting the environment. Pupils may already know that the levy on single use carrier bags increased from 5p to 25p in April 2022, so the demand for bags for life is bigger than ever.

### WINNING PRIZE

The winning design will be featured on a cloth bag, to be sold in the Speaker's Corner Gift Shop, in Parliament Buildings. Many thousands of people visit Parliament Buildings every year, from all over the world, so the winning design will travel far!

The winner and their family will be invited to Parliament Buildings for a special visit, to collect the prize – the new bag and a special set of art materials. A visit for the winner's class may also be arranged, to include the Assembly's education programme, if that is something the school would like to avail of.

### MORE ABOUT THE THEME

The theme for the competition is 'a favourite outdoor space in Northern Ireland'. It could be, for example, a garden, a park, a favourite place to go for a walk, or the school playground.

Inspiration:-

- My favourite outdoor space
- The importance of outdoor spaces for people's health
- My favourite thing to do outside (draw the outdoor space, as well the activity)
- People you spend time with in this outdoor space
- Trees, plants and wildlife in my favourite outdoor space

See attached poster for pupils.

### SUCCESS CRITERIA

Pupils to:

1. Create an original picture of an outdoor space in Northern Ireland
2. Use a blank A4 sheet of paper
3. At the bottom of the sheet
  - explain why you chose your design – What is it? Where is it? What do you like about this outdoor space? Why is this outdoor space important to you?
  - Write your name, class and school

**IMPORTANT! CLOSING DATE FOR ENTRY IS MONDAY 17 OCTOBER 2022 AT 5:00PM**