

Dear organisation leads and art tutors,

**Tate Modern Art contest and exhibition 2018.**

*This is an annual event led and funded by Uniting Friends in partnership with Tate Modern, the London Borough of Redbridge and the London Borough of Waltham Forest. For the first time the contest is open to adult artists with **learning disabilities, mental health, older persons** and those living with **dementia**.*

**The contest:** Leytonstone Learning Link, 23-25 N Birkbeck Rd, Leytonstone, London E11 4JF  
10<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup> June, noon-5pm. Winners announced at 1pm on 15<sup>th</sup> June.

**The winners exhibition:** Tate Modern, Bankside, London SE1 9TG  
26<sup>th</sup> June, 11am-4pm. At 1.30pm there will be a showing of the film entries.

**The theme for 2018: Pollution. “The art of Pollution”**

We’re looking at your artists using mixed media to create masterpieces based on a pollution theme. Think environmental. Think Trash art. We welcome all styles of entry including, paintings, sculpture, photography etc. We also have special section for movie making. Enter a film and have it shown at Tate Modern! Single artists or group entries are allowed. We limit 5 pieces of art per organisation and no limit to film entries.

**Why Pollution?**

Following the Blue Planet series, the nation has become aware of the devastation mankind is having on our world. Pollution is a huge issue which needs addressing and one that affects us all. The topic encourages artists to study the ways pollution effects their own lives, and has them consider innovative ways to create and present artworks which reflect the impact of litter and waste on the environment.

**Workshop ideas for you to use:**

Why not show examples of environmental/trash art. The following links may help:

<http://artfromtrash.org/>

<http://weburbanist.com/2008/06/04/recycled-art-from-trash/>

<http://www.haschult.de/gallery/objects>

<http://www.johndahlsen.com/>

- Brainstorm ideas for individual trash art pieces; explore connections and ask guided questions.
- Have artists collect various articles of trash from the street and/or home.
- As a class, have learners sort rubbish into colour groupings/size/shape depending on the final artwork they intend to create.
- Encourage learners to organise found trash in creative ways to develop a new image.

*These are just ideas to get you thinking. What you choose to do is only limited by your imagination!*

Entry forms are available from [www.unitingfriends.org.uk](http://www.unitingfriends.org.uk)

You have until 6<sup>th</sup> June 2018 to submit an entry. More details are on the entry form. Good luck!