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‘Get Creative for the Climate’ Climate and Ecological Emergency Exhibition Guidelines

Dacorum Borough Council is calling on local artists to get creative for the climate and take part in their Climate and Ecological Emergency Exhibition.

The exhibition is being held throughout November to tie in with COP26 - the global climate change conference, which is being hosted by the UK.

The initiative is being launched in collaboration between the Dacorum Climate Action Network and Herts Visual Arts and will feature creative pieces from artists from around the borough.

The aim of the exhibition is to help encourage Dacorum’s residents to reflect on the challenges that lie ahead of us, but also provide an opportunity to learn about the available solutions, and inspire people to get involved in local climate action.

A recent landmark climate report from the IPCC gave a code red to humanity and highlighted that we only have a very short window of time to take action on reducing our emissions if we are to avoid the most catastrophic impacts of climate change.

In the past 50 years, wildlife populations have fallen by over 60%. This is partly due to climate change, along with various other human-influenced factors such as habitat loss, pollution and over-consumption.

At the exhibition there will be a range of information about what people can do to reduce their own carbon footprint and other action that they can take locally to help support biodiversity.

The original pieces will be used for the exhibition.

Accepted artwork

All visual art that can be displayed on a wall is welcome for submission, including drawings, paintings, photography and poetry.

The theme of the exhibition is the ‘climate and ecological emergency’ – this has been kept intentionally broad so that artists can choose how they wish to interpret this.

We ask that artwork is no larger than A1 as a maximum.

Submitting artwork

Photos of artwork must be submitted via our online submission form (www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/DZFM RDF) by **Sunday 24 October** at the latest.

Alongside the submission you will be asked to include a short paragraph. This could be a description of your work, your inspiration, or a message for the people visiting the exhibition.

If you struggle to upload a photo of the work to the submission form, please email: sustainability@dacorum.gov.uk

Selected artwork

We will aim to include as much submitted artwork in the physical exhibition as possible.

Depending on uptake, we may exceed our wall-space capacity and as such cannot guarantee that every piece of artwork will be able to go on display.

However, we will ensure that all artwork is available to view online, which is why it is important to ensure that the photo sent in is of good quality.

If your artwork is selected to be included in the exhibition, you will be contacted that week and will be required to bring the original artwork to the Forum in Hemel Hempstead by **Sunday 31 October**.

Any frames required for hanging must be supplied by the artist.

Exhibition

The selected artwork for the Climate and Ecological Emergency Exhibition will be held in Dacorum Creatives Gallery in the Marlowes, Hemel Hempstead town centre throughout November. Times and days to be confirmed at a later date.

Some artwork will also be chosen to be on display at a Climate Conference and Networking event that is taking place on the evening of Wednesday 3 November at the Forum in Hemel Hempstead.

Volunteer support

This initiative is entirely free. There is no cost to submit or display artwork, the exhibition is free to attend and artists are not paid if their work is selected to be on display.

As such, to help support the running of the exhibition, we will require a team of volunteers.

If you or someone you know would be willing to volunteer some time to help with this, it would be greatly appreciated – please email: sustainability@dacorum.gov.uk