

Green-Schools Poster and Video Competition 2026

Poster Competition

The aim of the competition is for individual students to design an **A3 poster** which illustrates the theme: **Water and Me**. The poster can be a combination of words and illustrations or just illustrations.

To keep all entries clean, safe, and recyclable, please do not attach any materials or objects to the posters and do not use glitter.

Posters must include the following information on the reverse side of the poster:

Personal Details: All entries must include the following information printed (or written) clearly on the reverse of each poster:

1. Student's name
2. Student's class or year (e.g. 1st class, TY etc.)

School's Details:

1. School name, School County and Eircode.
2. Green-Schools coordinator's details (name and email address) for correspondence purposes.

Categories:

There are three categories for entry:

1. Junior Primary (Infants - 2nd class)
2. Senior Primary (3rd - 6th class)
3. Secondary School (inc. youth groups) (1st - 6th year)

Entries from special schools are very welcome and are entered into the age category the teacher feels is most appropriate for their students' level.

Entry Rules:

1. **Theme:** All entries should be designed around the competition theme: Water and Me.
2. **Eligibility:** Open to primary and secondary schools that have an active Green-Schools committee.
3. **Size/format:** Posters must be single-sided and A3 in size.
4. **Permissions:** All entrants must have the permission of a parent/guardian to enter. The entrant confirms that any person depicted in the entry has granted permission to be portrayed as shown.

5. **Copyright:** The posters submitted must be original and created entirely by the entrant. Any copied, traced, or plagiarised work will be disqualified.
6. **Winner categories:** Regional poster competition winners will be selected from each poster category (a total of 12 regional winners). National winners will then be selected from the regional winners in each category (totalling three National winners). Regions are broken down as follows:
 - a. Dublin County: Dublin City, Dun Laoghaire-Rathdown, South Dublin and Fingal.
 - b. Eastern/Midlands: Kilkenny, Wicklow, Kildare, Laois, Carlow, Offaly, Westmeath, Longford, Meath and Louth.
 - c. Northern/Western region: Donegal, Leitrim, Sligo, Cavan, Monaghan, Galway City and County, Mayo, Clare and Roscommon.
 - d. Southern region: Wexford, Waterford, Tipperary, Cork City and County, Kerry and Limerick.
7. **Prizes:** Regional winners will be expected (barring extenuating circumstances) to attend a prize-giving ceremony in Dublin in May 2026, where the national winners will be announced. Regional winners will receive their winning poster professionally framed and a €100 voucher. National winners will receive additional prizes, to be announced at the prize-giving ceremony. Prizes are subject to change at the discretion of An Taisce. Prizes are non-transferrable.
8. **Poster Submission:** Original poster entries must be posted to Green-Schools Water Competition, An Taisce, 5 Foster Place, Temple Bar, Dublin 2, D02V0P9. Copies of posters or emailed entries will not be accepted.
9. **Deadline:** Poster entries must be received by **12th February, 2026.**
10. **Judging:** An independent panel of judges will select the winning entries. The Judging Panel is responsible for the allocation of awards and the decision of the Judging Panel is final and no correspondence will be entered into regarding that decision.
11. **Notification:** Winners will be notified by email.
12. **Returns:** Green-Schools is unable to return any entries to schools.
13. **Publicity:** Winners may be asked to take part in competition publicity including being photographed by the media. All poster entries submitted may be used by Green-Schools for promotion of the Green-Schools programme and competition, shared online, included in printed and online media, reports and shared as part of Green-Schools events and resources.
14. **Sponsor's publications (Uisce Éireann):** The sponsor reserves the right to use the posters submitted by the winning entries in future publications or media. The winners' names and school addresses may also be used for these purposes.

15. Entry to the competition constitutes full and unconditional acceptance of these Terms & Conditions.

Secondary School Video Competition

Entry Rules:

1. **Theme:** All entries should be designed around the competition theme: Water and Me.
2. **Eligibility:** The competition is open to secondary school students. A video can be submitted by an individual student or by a group of up to 5 students.
3. **Size/format:** Can be produced either in landscape or portrait orientation and should be between 1 to 3 minutes long.
4. **Permissions:** All entrants must have the permission of a parent/guardian to enter. Entrants confirm they are the sole author of the work and it is their original entry. They own the copyright and all other intellectual property rights to each video. They have the permission of anyone featured in the video (or in the case of under 18s, the consent of the parent or primary guardian). While copyright remains with the entrant, it is a condition of entering that the image may be used by An Taisce's Green-Schools programme and the sponsor (Uisce Éireann).
5. **Winner categories:** Up to three videos will be chosen as winners from all entries.
6. **Prizes:** Winners will be expected (barring extenuating circumstances) to attend a prize-giving ceremony in Dublin in May 2026. The prize for the winning video(s) will be a €200 voucher and an invitation to a prize-giving ceremony in Dublin in May 2025. Prizes are subject to change at the discretion of An Taisce. Prizes are non-transferrable.
7. **Video Submission:** Videos can be hosted on any platform and should be shared as links (i.e., a YouTube link or similar) and submitted through the [official online entry form](#). The link to the online entry form is also available on the website.
8. **Deadlines:** Video entries must be received by 5pm on **March 11th, 2026**.
9. **Judging:** An independent panel of judges will select the winning entries. The Judging Panel is responsible for the allocation of awards and the decision of the Judging Panel is final and no correspondence will be entered into regarding that decision.
10. **Notification:** Winners will be notified by email.

11. **Publicity:** Winners may be asked to take part in competition publicity including being photographed by the media. All poster video entries submitted may be used by Green-Schools for promotion of the Green-Schools programme and competition, shared online, included in printed and online media, reports and shared as part of Green-Schools events and resources.
12. **Sponsor's publications (Uisce Éireann):** The sponsor reserves the right to use the posters submitted by the winning entries in future publications or media. The winners' names and school addresses may also be used for these purposes.
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For queries relating to the competitions, please contact:
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