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**DROGHEDA’S HIGHLANES GALLERY TO HOST 2016 TEXACO CHILDREN’S ART EXHIBITION**

Highlanes Gallery on Laurence Street, Drogheda is the venue once again for an exhibition of the 126 winning paintings from this year's 62nd Texaco Children's Art Competition.

The official opening ceremony, to which this year's winning artists together with students from schools in the Drogheda area and the North East region have been invited, will take place at 11am on Tuesday, 6th September. Following this, the exhibition will remain open to the public each day from Monday to Saturday from 10.30am to 5pm until Saturday, 5th November next. Admission is free.

Amongst the 126 exhibits on show will be works by seven Louth students who won top prizes in the competition. From Drogheda they are Evan McGrane (17), a pupil at St. Joseph’s; Hannah Murphy (15), from St. Oliver’s Community College; Kevin Nolan (18), from The Hub and Lucy Finn (11), from Termonfeckin.

Other Louth winners, all from Dundalk, are Déaghlan McGovern (7), from St. Malachy’s Boys National School; Cara Pilbeam (13), from St. Vincent’s Secondary School, and Ella Taylor (6), from Scoil Mhuire na nGael.

Recognised as one of the leading galleries of its kind in Ireland, further information for the Highlanes Gallery is available at <[http://www.highlanes.ie](http://www.highlanes.ie/)> or by contacting Siobhan Murphy or Hilary Kelly at 041-9803311.

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