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**WINNING ARTWORKS BY NORTHERN IRELAND STUDENTS GO ON EXHIBITION AT STRULE ARTS CENTRE, OMAGH**

Fermanagh and Omagh District Council is delighted to host an exhibition of 126 winning paintings from the 68th Texaco Children's Art Competition in Strule Arts Centre, Townhall Square, Omagh, in which 14 works by Northern Ireland student will feature.

The exhibition will open to the public on Thursday, 27th October and will remain open each day from Monday to Saturday from 9.30am to 5pm, until it closes on Saturday, 26th November. Admission is free.

Top Northern Ireland prize-winners whose artworks feature in the exhibition are Leah Massey (16), a pupil at Bloomfield Collegiate School, Belfast, who won third prize in the 16-18 years age category for her artwork entitled ‘Mum's Sampler’, and Zara Craig (14), from Ballyclare High School, who won first prize in Category G, reserved for entries from young artists of all ages with special needs, for her work entitled ‘Little Flower’.

Also exhibiting will be works by Special Merit Award winners Luna Pandey (13), a pupil at Hunterhouse College, Belfast; Sarah Gordon (5), from Carrowreagh Primary School, Ballymoney; Rosa Davidson (13) and Carrie Bell (16), both pupils at Methodist College, Belfast; Cameron Armstrong (15), from Lisanally Special School, Armagh; Niamh Morgan (11), from St. Columba's P.S., Kilrea; Cian Bolster (18), from Ardnashee School & College, Derry; Alexandra Buzova (14), from Shimna Integrated College, Newcastle; Janya Rajan (13), from Regent House Grammar School, Newtownards; Tara Walls (15), from St. Joseph's Grammar School, Donaghmore; and Maria Donaghy (17), and Farragh McGreary (12), both pupils at St. Patrick's Academy, Dungannon.

Of the 14 works by Northern Ireland students, six are from County Antrim, three from Tyrone, two each from Derry and Down, and one from Armagh.

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