

Postcards from Inside Southampton

Further information

Who can enter?

Anyone living or working in Dorset, Wiltshire or Hampshire (including Isle of Wight) can enter.

Is there an age limit to enter?

Yes, individuals must be 16 and over, at the date of submission, to enter.

What types of artwork will be accepted?

We hope that the exhibition will provide a rich and diverse reflection of artistic practice across the region. Work in a range of media will be accepted including painting, drawing, printmaking, photography, mixed media, collage and textile.

The only stipulation is that the work **must** be produced on, or adhered to, an A6 postcard-sized piece of card (measuring 148 mm x105 mm). It can be in either portrait or landscape format.

How many works may I enter?

There is no limit to the number of artworks you may submit.

How many works will be exhibited?

A panel of judges will select 100 artworks to go on display at Southampton City Art Gallery.

What are the key dates I should know?

Submission dates:

The competition launches on the 12 September 2026 (to coincide with the start of Heritage Open Days) and you can submit works until 31 January 2027

Exhibition dates:

3rd of April until 30th May 2027

How do I submit my work?

You can submit your works in a number of ways.

In person:

You can submit your artwork in person at Southampton City Art Gallery between the 12 Sep 2026 – 31 Jan 2027. There will be a clearly marked box near the welcome desk where you can deliver your work.

Please check the Art Gallery website for current opening hours.

By post:

Artworks can be posted to the following address.

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The Lord Mayor's Reception Room

Civic Centre

Southampton

SO14 7YL

Please make sure any artworks sent via post are inside an envelope to ensure they are not damaged in transit.

Do I need to include any information with my artwork?

Yes, on the reverse of your artwork please include:

- Your name (for display purposes)
- The title of the artwork (for display purposes)
- The location/ name of the building that inspired your artwork (if different from above)
- An email address that we can contact you on to let you know if your work will be included in the exhibition

Are there any prizes?

As well as featuring in the exhibition at Southampton City Art Gallery (3 of April - 30 May 2027) there will be a prize of £100 awarded to an artist selected by the panel of judges.

How does the judging work?

All submitted artworks will be reviewed by a Selection Committee. The judges will select the work based on the skill, inventiveness and originality of the artist's response to the theme.

All entrants will be notified by email if their submission/s have been successful by 3 March 2027

Will my artwork be returned to me?

If you would like your artwork returned to you if not included in the exhibition OR after the exhibition closes you must include a self-addressed stamped envelope with your artwork when you submit it. We are unable to facilitate in person collections.

Who do I contact if I still have a question?

If you have any further questions, please email museums@southampton.gov.uk