



JOIN THE ARCHITECTURAL COMPETITION FOR PRIMARY SCHOOLS

BUILD A NEW DONCASTER

AN ANNUAL ARCHITECTURAL COMPETITION FOR PRIMARY SCHOOLS
BY **DONCASTER CIVIC TRUST** SUPPORTED BY SHEFFIELD SCHOOL OF ARCHITECTURE

DEADLINE FOR REGISTRATION
16th OCTOBER 2015

SUBMISSION OF ENTRIES
14th DECEMBER 2015

EXHIBITION & AWARDS
FEBRUARY 2016

£500 1st Prize
£250 2nd Prize
£100 3rd Prize

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My Minster: a workshop run by a team of postgraduate architecture students to test activities for the Toolkit, October 2012.

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I have great pleasure in inviting your school to take part in our second architecture competition. Last year, the children of Hexthorpe Primary School won the £500 first prize with a terrific design for a new train museum that really impressed the judges.

We at Doncaster Civic Trust and our friends at Sheffield School of Architecture know that the design of buildings is a serious business but can also be a fascinating and fun thing for young people to learn about. But don't take our word for it! See what some of last year's participating schools have to say about their experiences:

"Our pupils thoroughly enjoyed being part of the architectural competition 'Build a new Doncaster'. It gave them a real insight into the life of an architect and an understanding of the history of Doncaster and its architecture. Having the opportunity to work alongside some incredibly talented and creative young people opened their eyes to new ideas and possibilities. We will definitely be entering the competition next year!"

Helen Harrison, Headteacher, Woodfield Primary School

"Our children loved the 'Build a New Doncaster' project. From the initial mindmapping of ideas to exploring the local area, the visit from Sheffield University students and working on their final design, they were engaged with their community like never before. The children found out so much and the project fed into so many areas of the curriculum: Maths, English, Art, Design, History and Geography. We were delighted that the children's idea for a local train museum was chosen for the first prize - it is such an important part of our local heritage that needs to be celebrated as much as possible. Thank you to the Doncaster Civic Trust for such a wonderful project and the engaging, interactive resources that helped no-end in preparing an engaging, creative project that took on a life of its own and really inspired the children's imaginations."

Philip Sheppard, Year 5 teacher, Hexthorpe Primary School

In this brochure you will find all the information you need to enter our exciting and worthwhile competition. And by visiting our website, you can find out all the details of last year's competition so you know what you can expect. I do hope your school will enter the competition.

John Holmes

Chairman of Doncaster Civic Trust

About the competition

Build a new Doncaster is part of the educational initiatives developed and sponsored by Doncaster Civic Trust.

The competition is for Doncaster primary schools only. Secondary schools in Doncaster are already included in a similar design competition run by Sheffield Hallam University and sponsored by the Royal Institute of British Architects.

Our competition invites schools to identify a suitable site on which they will design a building or buildings and associated landscaping. There is no limit to the size or location of the site and it will be acceptable to propose a redevelopment of existing buildings. The proposed development can be of any type or use but the essential requirement is that the work should display design creativity and demonstrate an understanding of architectural principles.

Each school in the borough is invited to make one entry. It is for the school to determine who participates although it is suggested that the best format would be for each school to designate a fairly small team of students to represent the school. The competition may appeal to the older age groups.

The School of Architecture, at the University of Sheffield will be offering support to the participating schools during the design phase of the competition. Each participating school will be allocated a small team of postgraduate architecture and urban design students from the School of Architecture for the purpose of helping the school team to develop their initial design ideas. The students will draw heavily on their own knowledge but also use the Toolkit as a basis for developing in pupils an understanding of the principles of architecture. The university students, teachers or other adults will not be allowed to contribute to the final submission. The submitted work must be that of the school pupils alone.

Each school that submits a competition entry will be invited to visit The School of Architecture in June 2016, for a fun and informative activity day.

The number of schools participating will be limited to the number of architecture students available. Therefore, competition entries from schools will be accepted on a strictly 'first come first served' basis.



Entry submission

All entrants are asked to submit the following:

- A1 landscape or portrait presentation sheet showing the final proposed design
- A1 development sheet to explore the ideas and offer a narrative and design development
- (optional) a model of proposal to understand the form

Submissions should **not** include any corporate branding or identify the school to ensure fair judgement of the competition. Submissions boards should be labelled with the school or college name on the back of the boards and included on the submission form for identification purposes.

Judging and awards

All work must be submitted to Doncaster Civic Trust by the **14th of December 2015**. The submitted work will be judged by an expert panel comprising members of Doncaster Civic Trust, representatives from Doncaster Council and the University of Sheffield in January 2016. The judges' decision will be final.

The winning schools of the architecture competition will be awarded money prizes, the first prize (The Eric Braim Prize) £500, second prize £250 and third prize £100. The prize will be given to the school, not the design team.

All participating schools will have their work exhibited at the awards ceremony and will be featured in a booklet produced for the competition.

The prizes will be awarded at an event where all participating schools will be invited to display their submissions. The event will be attended by Civic Trust members, staff and students from the University of Sheffield, council officers and councillors.

Key dates

16 th October 2015	Deadline for registration
23 rd October 2015	Announce which schools will be participating
13 th November	Competition/Design (4 weeks period)
23 rd - 27 th November	Students run sessions in schools
14 th December 2015	Submission of entries
*January 2016	Judging
*February 2016	Exhibition and prize-giving
June 2016	Visit to The School of Architecture

*exact time and place will be confirmed later on in the competition

How to apply

If you wish to apply for the competition, please fill out the application form and return it via email to Mr Jeffrey Prior at jeffprior@outlook.com by **16th October 2015, 5pm**.

To discuss any queries you may have regarding the competition prior to your application submission you will find contact details for Mr Jeff Prior and Mr Leo Care at the last page of this booklet.

How to submit your entry

At the end of the design period, you will have ten days to complete and post your competition entry. Please post your entry to Doncaster Civic Trust, c/o Archie Sinclair Hon. Secretary, 43 Ellers Avenue, Bessacarr, Doncaster, DN47DY by **14th December 2015, 5pm**.

We will remind you of the submission details nearer to the end of the design period.

Notes for headteachers

- Student helpers from the School of Architecture, University of Sheffield will be available for 1 half day session during the *design* phase, during the **week commencing 23rd November 2015**. Prior to the start of the competition, the school and students will need to make suitable arrangements for attendance.
- The students will be participating in the competition as helpers as part of their Participation Module for their postgraduate degree. They will be advised by Leo Care, M.Arch Director and Design tutor and can be your main point of contact.
- As part of their assessment they will be reflecting on their experiences in written reports and may wish to photograph some of the design exercises in your school, subject to your permission. Please know that the University takes the matter of ethics very seriously, and the students will be given several talks on how to deal with recording the workshops.
- The student helpers will come from a range of countries from across the world. They are Masters architecture and urban design students so you can be confident that they are well-versed in architectural design.
- None of the students have been DBS checked and we would expect a teacher to be present whilst the students are working with the children. However, we would like to make you aware that students from the School of Architecture have previously worked with a variety of schools and youth clubs in Doncaster when developing the Toolkit in 2012 without the need of securing a DBS check.
- Your student helpers will meet your design team and start them thinking about what type of development would be best for the chosen site and help them produce some preliminary ideas. These ideas can then be developed by the children with support from the school.
- Following the prize giving event, all submitted work along with the student helpers' reports and the video will be posted on Doncaster Civic Trust's website for your information and reflection.

Preparing for the competition

- In advance of the student helpers' visits, each school is encouraged to carry out some preliminary tasks:

1. Select a design team. This may be a class or a smaller group of students. This is entirely up to the school but the competition organisers suggest that older children in the school may benefit and respond best.

2. Once you have selected your design team, Leo Care from the School of Architecture will be happy to discuss the competition and its structure in more detail.

3. If possible, spend some time with the design team to explore the contents of the Doncaster Toolkit, a copy of which was delivered to your school in June 2014. You can visit the Toolkit's website to download for free any material you wish to use at: www.doncastertoolkit.co.uk .

4. Select a site. This should not be too far from your school. It could be the school itself or its grounds. The exercise is hypothetical but the site needs to be real. So for example, you could think about rebuilding your school or designing some new buildings on a vacant site near your school.

5. Visit the site. Take photos. Draw some plans of the site as it is. Describe the site in words. What are the good things about it? What are the problems? This will be very useful for when the student helpers arrive. Your school will be responsible for health and safety matters on the site visit.

6. Prepare to meet the student helpers. Have all of the material from point 5 ready. Also provide large sheets of paper, card and drawing materials. If you think your school might wish to submit a model in support of the drawings then please provide the necessary material.

Contact details

Find out about last year's competition by visiting our website:-
www.doncastercivictrust.org.uk/architecture-competition.asp

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Leo is also the module coordinator for 'Participation in Architecture and Urban Design' and will be available to discuss the interaction of the postgraduate students with your school.

Leo will be more than happy to discuss with each participating school the organisation and the running of the competition in more detail.

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NAME: _____

TELEPHONE: _____

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

NAME OF SCHOOL: _____

ADDRESS OF SCHOOL: _____

POSTCODE: _____

AGE AND NUMBER OF:
DESIGN TEAM _____

COMMENTS: _____

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