



Children  
First

## ART against Teen Dating Violence

*To reflect your understanding of relationships free of gender-based violence (GBV) through an innovative creative-artistic form.*

## Guidelines

### 1. The project

**Children First** is a unique project aimed at **preventing and combating *teen dating violence***, aka the specific type of gender-based violence (GBV) occurring among adolescents and in teen relationships.

It represents a shared effort **to educate school children (aged 12 – 18)** to prevent and address dating violence from an early age, undermining **gender stereotypes, norms and roles** that are the main causes of gender – based violence among children and teenagers.

### 2. Aim of the contest

The Children First project's consortium is organising an **online creative contest** for adolescents attending schools, in order to reflect **your understanding of relationships free from gender-based violence**, through an innovative creative-artistic form.

We are looking for creative and thought-provoking artworks, capable of representing your own interpretation of a such delicate and under-researched theme, being ***teen dating violence***.

These expressions can take various forms, as long as they can be made accessible in electronic form, and must fit one of the following categories:

1. **Images** – e.g. paintings, graphic illustrations, comics, photography etc.;
2. **Videos** – e.g. audio-visual collages, short theatre, musical performances etc.;
3. **Writings** – e.g. poems, tales etc.

Collective works are also accepted. Each artist or art collective can participate by submitting only one artwork.

### 3. Eligibility

The art contest is open to **adolescents aged 12-18 years old** from all over the world. The participation is free of charge.



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## 4. Specific terms and conditions

Participants are required to:

1. Fill in the online registration form and accept all relevant terms and conditions: <https://forms.gle/gYa7NCCVi6esYEqt9>
2. Upload a signed copy of the **consent form for parents/guardians authorisations** - You should firstly download the form from [here](#) - available in English, Italian, Lithuanian and Greek.
3. Upload the artwork in digital format:
  - a. **Images** - it should be in high definition (JPEG file, at minimum 300 dpi);
  - b. **Videos** – To be uploaded on YouTube, “unlisted” mood – the link must be attached to the Google Form application;
  - c. **Writings** – PDF file, max 20 MB;

NB: The artwork file should be named as follows: **name\_surname** (name and surname of the artist who submits the artwork).

4. Insert a TITLE + short text describing the artwork in your national language (descriptions must be 400 characters or fewer);
5. Submit all the documents requested under points 1, 2, and 3 by **31 May 2021**.

**Important:** Entry is limited to original artworks which have not been already made public. Artworks conveying racist and violent messages will not be considered under any circumstances.

## 6. Selection criteria

All the submitted artworks will be evaluated and selected taking into consideration:

- Creativity and originality;
- Visual impact or quality of the written form;
- Coherence with the theme of the contest;
- Ability of stimulating reflection and critical thinking.

## 7. Jury Members

International Jury members will be announced **by April 2021**.



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## 8. Awards

Decision over the winners will be announced **by June 2021**. The winners of the contest will be invited to the final conference of the project, where the prize award ceremony will take place. All rights of the artworks participating in the context will remain the property of creators. The organizers of the competition (the Children First project consortium) will reserve the right to reproduce the artworks and disseminate them through the official social media channels of the project (Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, Youtube) and through the channels of organizations involved in the project, with the aim of promoting the initiative. Moreover, an online exhibition will be organised to present the work of all participants to the conference, on a dedicated section of the Children First project's website. By participating in this contest, the participants authorize the use of their artworks and agree with the rules of the competition.

Prizes will be announced soon.

## 9. Contacts and further information

<https://childrenfirst.info/get-involved/>

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