



Liverpool Cathedral Putting the I into Imagine competition



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Notes for teachers

Liverpool Cathedral is offering your students the chance to showcase their creative talents as part of a competition inspired by the John Lennon song, Imagine.

Liverpool Cathedral's **Putting the I into Imagine** competition is all about encouraging young people to think about issues raised in the song Imagine, especially as many of them are still as relevant now as they were when the song was originally written. It aims to draw on their creativity, enabling them to express what they think in their own style, indeed, in a style they are passionate about.

It really is very simple, all they have to do is listen to Imagine and then create something inspired by the song. They could write their own song, choreograph a dance, make a short film, write a poem or feature article, perform a comedy sketch or take a photograph, the options are endless, and really it is up to them!

The song itself brings up many issues that young people will be interested in engaging with: they could discuss whether or not they believe there is a heaven, how war is affecting modern life, whether or not peace is realistic, they could imagine their own perfect world in words or music, how the credit crunch can teach us to be less concerned with greed and possessions, they could explore poverty around the world, they could look at the political implications of a truly unified world. The options are endless....

The song Imagine touches on many important issues, and so the competition is designed to be as broad as possible. This allows connections to be made with many aspects of learning, e.g. dance, politics, music, english, art, media, R.E., personal and social issues, journalism, communications, international development...

The beauty of this creative competition is that it can easily be incorporated into one of your lessons, and given the amount of creative choice it will be something that students can really enjoy.

The judging process will ensure that entries have an equal chance regardless of whether their entries are musical, written, or art as this really is about encouraging creativity in all its forms and we're hoping to see a real breadth of creativity.

The competition will be launched on **Saturday 16th May at 1:00pm**, when the song Imagine rings out on the Cathedral bells across Liverpool. There will be special performances from young people that will inspire students to get creative themselves and enter the competition. Why not bring your students along or encourage them to come down on their own or with their family?

The grand finale of the competition will be a performance evening on the **7th July** where shortlisted entries that have been chosen will perform at the Cathedral, and prizes will be given.

All profits from the performance evening will go to the **Alder Hey Imagine appeal**, to help support the work of Liverpool's Alder Hey hospital, one of Europe's largest children's hospital caring for over 200,000 children every year.

In order for your students to enter this competition you must register your learning institution, details of how to do so are in the terms and conditions over the page.

Terms and conditions

Who can enter?

Anyone in full-time education, between the ages of 13 and 25.

Entering the competition

We are hoping for a wide range of entries: creativity and originality is encouraged. Some prompts for the possible nature of the entries are outlined here: write your own song, write a poem, write a feature length article, choreograph a dance, make a short film, write a short story, perform a comedy sketch (written by you), paint a picture: produce a piece of art, take a photograph.

- Students can only enter if their school/college/university have registered. For more information or to register your school/college/university please phone Kate Holcombe on: **0151 702 7243** or email her at: kate.holcombe@liverpoolcathedral.org.uk.
- All entries must be submitted electronically to: puttingtheiintoimagine@liverpoolcathedral.org.uk with the entry attached (under 1 MB) or containing a web link where we can view it.
- Each entry must be submitted along with an official, completed entry form attached (entry forms can be downloaded from: www.liverpoolcathedral.org.uk)
- Entries must arrive before midnight on the Sunday 14th June. Entries submitted after that date won't be accepted.
 - We intend to inform those shortlisted by Tuesday 23rd June.
- All work must be the student's own work. Copyright music or images should not be used.
- By entering the competition you give Liverpool Cathedral the right to use the material in web and other publishing.
- Length of entries: All written pieces must be no longer than 1,500 words. All performances must be no longer than 4 mins.

The judging process

- Entries will be judged in the following categories:
 - Up to and including year 11
 - Year 12 and 13 or equivalent
 - All others in full time education who will be 25 or under on the 7th July 2009.
- Group entries are welcome and will be placed in the category of the oldest in their group.
- All the work (from conception to performance) should be carried out by pupils/students themselves.
- Stage one: the judging will be done on the basis of an electronic version of your entry (for a piece of art – take a digital photo and for a performance, record it, for a written piece send an attachment, etc) and a shortlist will be selected.
 - Those shortlisted will be asked to partake in stage 2.
- Stage two: those shortlisted will have the opportunity to showcase their piece at an awards evening in the Cathedral on the 7th July where the judges will be awarding prizes.
- The panel of judges will choose winners based on what is showcased at the performance evening, except for written entries of more than 200 words which will be judged on the whole submitted piece but only an extract of the piece will be read on the performance evening.
 - The judge's decision is final.

Judging criteria

- How well the entry is connected to the song, Imagine by John Lennon.
 - How thought provoking it is.
 - The quality of the entry.
 - Its originality and creativity.

Advice for: Years 9, 10 and 11

Do you watch Britain's Got Talent and dream of being on the stage? Would you love to be the next J.K. Rowling? Do you have something to say about the world around you? Do you play an instrument, enjoy writing, taking photographs or drawing in your spare time, are you in a band?

If so, then this competition may be for you.

This competition is a great opportunity for you to get your talents noticed. All you have to do is listen to the song Imagine, by John Lennon and then get creative.

You can choreograph a dance, write a poem, write and perform your own song, produce a piece of art, the opportunities are endless.

Whatever you decide to submit to the competition, it must be somehow connected to the lyrics of the John Lennon song, Imagine. We are looking for quality entries that are original, creative and thought provoking.

Shortlisted entries will get the chance to perform at a concert in the cathedral and art and photographs will be on show throughout the evening.

Winners and runner ups will win some great prizes, to be announced shortly.

Advice for: sixth formers, college and university students.

Do you want to be a writer, an artist, a film-maker, a dancer, a journalist or are you in a band? If so then this competition may be for you!

The competition is a great chance to have your say as well as showcasing your creative talents and the great thing is that you can choose how you do this.

As degrees are growing in popularity, every student needs something that will help them to stand out from the crowd. Liverpool Cathedral's **Putting the I into imagine** competition is your chance to do just that. All you have to do is listen to the song Imagine and then create something inspired by the lyrics. All you budding film-makers could make a short film about war and peace, while young writers may want to explore their own view of what a perfect world may look like. Whatever you decide to do, it is easy and winning such a competition will look great on your C.V. Your entry must be somehow connected to the lyrics of the John Lennon song, Imagine. We are looking for quality entries that are original, creative and thought provoking.

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Imagine

by John Lennon

Imagine there's no Heaven
It's easy if you try
No hell below us
Above us only sky
Imagine all the people
Living for today

Imagine there's no countries
It isn't hard to do
Nothing to kill or die for
And no religion too
Imagine all the people
Living life in peace

You may say that I'm a dreamer
But I'm not the only one
I hope someday you'll join us
And the world will be as one

Imagine no possessions
I wonder if you can
No need for greed or hunger
A brotherhood of man
Imagine all the people
Sharing all the world

You may say that I'm a dreamer
But I'm not the only one
I hope someday you'll join us
And the world will live as one