



## National Pathology Week

2–8 November 2009

Event title	Pathology as Art
Venue	Foyer, Royal Victoria Hospital
Target audience	Year 10-12 students of local schools
Objectives	To produce a piece of art, using any medium, inspired by pathology
Age range	16-18 years
How was the event advertised?	Explanatory letter sent to local school art departments with CD of images, list of useful websites and rules of competition
Number attending	Held at same time as foyer microscopy demonstration
Booking required?	No - art work to be submitted one week before the event
Length of event	10am to 4pm each day through National Pathology Week
Refreshments provided?	No
Equipment needed	Display boards, low tables, Velcro pads, Money for prizes, certificates for entrants
People needed	Volunteer to prevent artwork being touched (trainee manning the microscopy demonstration)
Printed material used	CD of images produced and copied to schools, labels for artwork
Room set up	Main foyer-display panels and tables needed, had to book foyer well in advance (used by trust as display for hand washing, sales of jewellery etc)
Event programme	Art exhibition
Possible variations	Essay competition instead of art? The aim was to engage the interest of students who may not be involved in science at school.
What did the audience particularly like?	The standard and range of entries was excellent
What surprised the audience?	The quality of the entries
What else would the audience have liked?	More information about what the entrants were illustrating
How much preparation was	Production of CDs, required the entries to be taken down each evening and re-erected each morning (couldn't be left overnight because of location) which took about 1 hour a day.

involved?

Any other comments?

Need to invite schools to enter several months before the actual competition date because of the teaching year and syllabus requirements-at least June prior to NPW. Also had to draft careful competition rules to make sure that the entries were appropriate for display.



Images



For more  
information  
please  
contact

Caroline Gannon  
Department of Histopathology  
Royal Victoria Hospital  
Belfast  
BT12 6BA [caroline.gannon@belfasttrust.hscni.net](mailto:caroline.gannon@belfasttrust.hscni.net)