



This is Us!



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Clár Éire Ildánach
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Programme



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Initiative

Calling all Young Artists!

RTÉ This is Art! 2026 is now open for entries.

THIS IS ART! Ireland's most exciting young people's art competition is inviting young artists to submit their work. The competition is open to young artists of all abilities and backgrounds, aged 18 and under, who are currently living anywhere on the island of Ireland.

Entries will be exhibited online in our TIA! Digital Gallery designed to showcase the incredible diversity and creativity of young artists in Ireland today.

The theme for 2026 entries is **'THIS IS US!'** and we invite you to explore what people, relationships and belonging mean to you. Celebrate the people we love, the places we belong and the moments we share. And remember, **'us'** can mean anything you want it to. It could be your family, your friends, your community, your team, your class, your culture, a place you feel connected to, or even a world or characters you've imagined. However you choose to interpret it, we want to see what **'THIS IS US!'** means to you.



1. CREATE your artwork. You can use any media or material to create your entry. Consider the theme 'This is Nature!' and have fun making your work. Your artwork should be a reflection of you and your unique perspective.



2. SNAP or **SCAN** a digital version of it. Once you have completed your artwork, you must capture a high quality digital image of it. Take a high-resolution photograph or a digital scan of your artwork. The image must be sharp, clear with no shadows or obstructions. Ask a teacher or guardian for help with scanning or photographing your work.



3. UPLOAD your submission. Please check the entry guidelines on the website. Be sure to get the permission of a parent or guardian. Upload your entry to rte.ie/thisisart before midnight on 31st of January 2027.



You will also need to submit a short written introduction to your work, called an Artist Statement. This tells us what you used to make your work, what your art is about and what inspired you to create it. We really want to know!

Categories

The competition will be judged in the following categories:

- 7 & Under
- 8–11 year
- 12–15 year
- 16–18 year
- Groups (schools and community groups)

Jury Panel

Winning and commended artwork will be chosen by a jury of professional artists and curators.

Prizes & Awards

Winners will be announced in March 2027. Selected works will be displayed at events across the country and featured on various social media platforms.

First place in each category will receive a unique TIA! Grand Prix Winners trophy! There is also a prize fund of more than €10,000 for art materials, art-related learning experiences and vouchers.

Please visit our website or follow us at @tia.ie on Instagram to learn more about how to participate.

Enter Today
rte.ie/thisisart

Closing Date
31st January 2027, at Midnight

Contact
hello@thisisart.ie

PS If you are looking for inspiration, be sure to stream [This is Art Club!](#) on [RTÉ Player](#).

