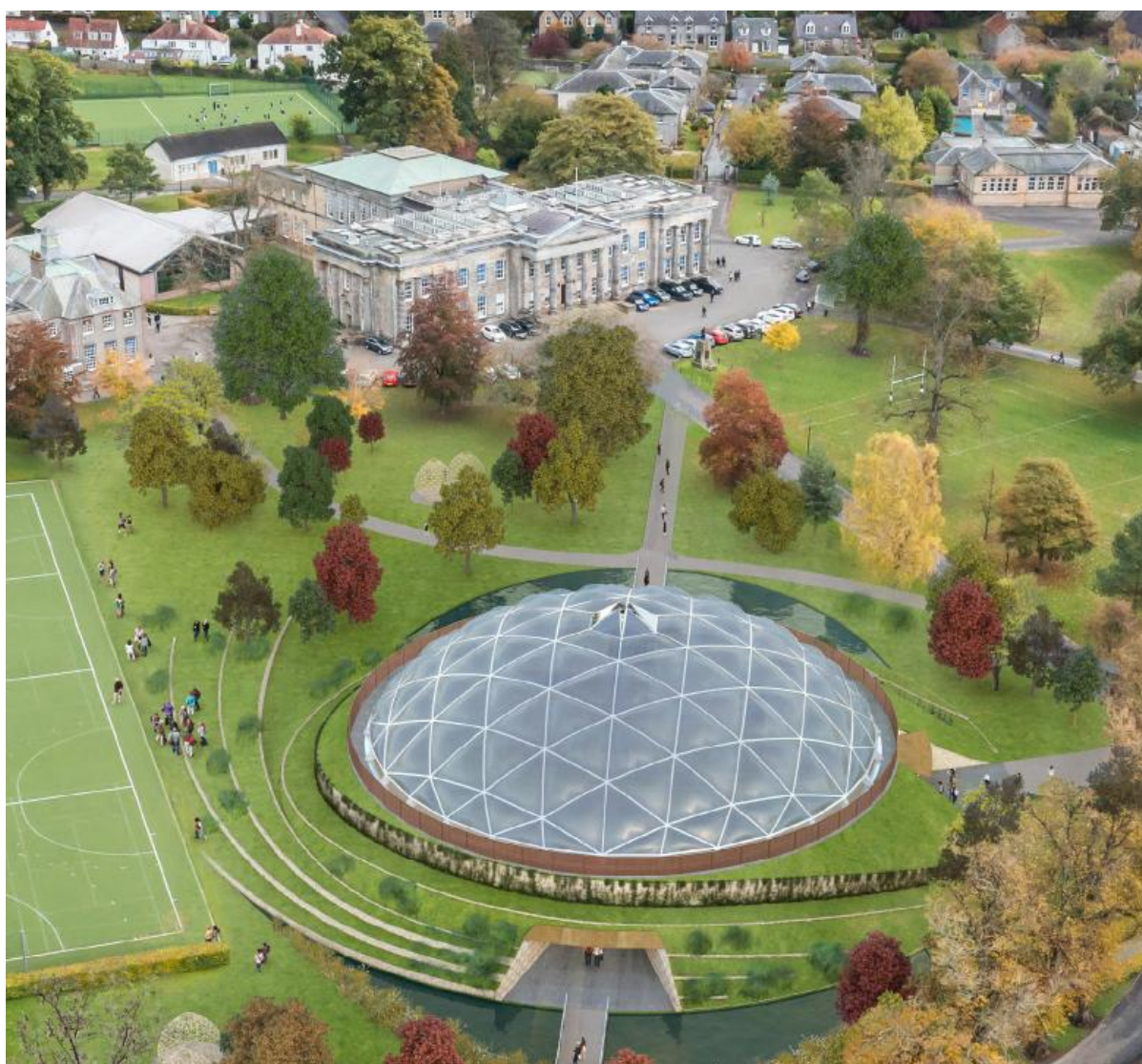


FUTURES INSTITUTE PUBLIC ART COMPETITION 2026

To celebrate the new **Futures Institute at Dollar Academy**, we are inviting young people to design an art installation that will sit permanently on the Dollar Academy campus.



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Futures Institute at Dollar Academy

THE CHALLENGE: We are inviting you to create an idea for a piece of public art for Dollar.

To celebrate the new Futures Institute at Dollar Academy, we're inviting the young people of Dollar (age 10 to 18 years) to design an exciting piece of **public art** that could be displayed on the Dollar Academy campus.

This is your chance to think like an artist, designer, or creative problem-solver. Your artwork should be designed for a **public space** – somewhere people might walk past, gather, or spend time. [Need some inspiration? Click here to see some examples of public art.](#)

THE THEME: Making things fair – for everyone, now and in the future.

The [United Nations](#) (that's the organisation that brings countries around the world together) has a list of goals to make the world a better place. One of those goals (Goal 16) is about making sure every community is safe, fair, and looked after – and that's what this competition is all about. [Find out more here.](#)

So, think about Dollar. What makes it a great place to live? What could make it even better? What do you want it to look like in 20 years' time?

YOUR DESIGN COULD BE ABOUT THINGS LIKE:

- People being treated fairly and included
- Looking out for each other in your community
- Feeling safe and heard
- What makes Dollar *Dollar*?

Show your own creative vision for what public art can be - there's no right or wrong answer here

WHAT COULD YOU DESIGN?

Your idea could be:

- A sculpture or monument
- A mural or large artwork
- A functional piece of artwork – such as seating, or a shelter.

*Don't worry about technical details – **your ideas** and creativity matter most at this stage.*

[NEED SOME INSPIRATION? CLICK HERE TO SEE SOME EXAMPLES](#)

WHO CAN ENTER?

You can take part if you:

- Live in Dollar, and/or
- Go to school in Dollar (Strathdevon Primary School / Dollar Academy)
- Are a pupil from Primary 6 (Junior 1) to S6 (Form 6)

ALONGSIDE YOUR DESIGN, SEND US A SHORT, WRITTEN EXPLANATION INCLUDING:

- What your idea is
- What inspired it
- Where it might go and what materials it could use

REMEMBER: The judges want to understand your thinking, your story, and what you want your artwork to say.

HOW TO ENTER

You can create your design in any way you like – hand-drawn sketches, diagrams, collage, digital design, or a 3D model. We just need to see a photo/digital version of your idea.

Follow the steps below to submit your entry and be in with the chance of seeing your idea become a permanent part of Dollar.

01

Create your design: Draw, sketch, model or design your artwork idea using any way you like – pencil and paper, digital tools, collage, or a small model.

02

Tell us about your design: Write a short piece explaining your idea – What your idea is, what inspired it.

03

Get your entry ready: Before you click on the submission link below, take a photo of your idea and/or save your design as an image (JPG or PNG) and make sure you have your written description ready. To submit your entry you will also need to include: your full name, year group, your school, and the best way to contact you.

04

Submit your entry: use this online form to submit your entry: [Public Art Installation Competition submission form](#)

05

Produce your artwork! The winner will work with a local artist and have the design made into a permanent art installation on the Dollar Academy campus.

KEY DATES

1 June 2026

Competition opens

25 June 2026

Submission deadline

August 2026

Winner announced

Sept - Dec 2026

The winner works with local artist to create your installation

Early 2027

Winning artwork installed on campus and revealed at the Futures Institute opening celebration event

WHY TAKE PART?

This is a rare and real opportunity. Your ideas could shape something that lasts for decades – and that everyone in Dollar can see, enjoy and connect with.

- **Your idea could become a permanent part of Dollar**
- Be inspired by and learn from professional architects and designers
- Explore art, storytelling, and community in a meaningful way
- Contribute to a project connected to the UN Sustainable Development goals
- Celebrate what makes Dollar unique – and help define its future

GOOD LUCK

We can't wait to see what you create.

For competition queries email: mcfarlane-re@dollaracademy.org.uk
Find out more: fida.world/events

The logo for FIDA (Futures Institute at Dollar Academy) features the lowercase letters 'fi' in red, followed by a horizontal bar with a yellow-to-orange gradient, and the lowercase letters 'da' in red.

Please read the [Terms and Conditions](#) on the following page before entering.

TERMS & CONDITIONS

1. Eligibility

- 1.1 The Competition is open to pupils from Primary 6 to S6 who live in Dollar and/or attend a school in Dollar.
- 1.2 Entries submitted by individuals who do not meet the eligibility criteria in clause 1.1 will not be considered.

2. How to Enter

- 2.1 Each pupil may submit a maximum of one entry to the Competition.
- 2.2 Entries must be done via the Microsoft form with images of the design to the email address in the form.
- 2.3 The closing date for entries is the 25 June 2026. Any entries received after this date will not be considered.

3. The Prize

- 3.1 The winning design will be made into a permanent art installation on the Dollar Academy campus, developed with a professional local designer and artist.
- 3.2 The completed artwork will be unveiled at a celebration event in 2027 or as soon as practicable thereafter.
- 3.3 The prize is non-transferable and has no cash alternative.
- 3.4 Dollar Academy reserves the right to modify the prize if circumstances beyond their control make this necessary.

4. Judging and Selection

- 4.1 Entries will be judged on creativity, originality, clarity of concept, and how well the design responds to the brief and theme.
- 4.2 The judging panel will include representatives from FIDA, Dollar Academy, and the design and arts community. The composition of the panel may change at the organisers' discretion.
- 4.3 The organisers reserve the right to select a shortlist of finalists who may be invited to develop their entries further before a final winner is chosen.
- 4.4 The winning entry will be announced in August 2026.
- 4.5 The organisers' decision is final, and no correspondence will be entered into.

5. Conduct and Disqualification

- 5.1 All entries must be the original work of the individual pupil. Designs that are copied, plagiarised or substantially based on the work of another person will be disqualified.
- 5.2 Entries must not contain any offensive, discriminatory or inappropriate imagery or language.
- 5.3 The organisers reserve the right to disqualify any entry or participant at any stage if the entry or conduct of the participant does not meet the standards set out in these Terms and Conditions.

6. Intellectual Property

- 6.1 All entries remain the intellectual property of the entrants.
- 6.2 By entering the Competition, entrants grant Dollar Academy permission to use submitted designs for promotional purposes, including social media, marketing materials, and event displays.
- 6.3 The winning entrant will be acknowledged as the original designer of the artwork in all public communications relating to the installation.

7. Data Protection

- 7.1 Personal data collected during the Competition will be processed in accordance with UK data protection legislation.
- 7.2 Information will be used solely for the purposes of administering the Competition and contacting winners and shortlisted entrants.

8. Liability

- 8.1 Dollar Academy accept no responsibility for entries that are lost, delayed, incomplete, or cannot be delivered for technical reasons.
- 8.2 The organisers reserve the right to modify or withdraw the Competition at any time if circumstances beyond their control make this necessary.

9. General

- 9.1 These Terms and Conditions are governed by the laws of Scotland.
- 9.2 By entering the Competition, participants confirm they have read, understood, and agree to be bound by these Terms and Conditions.