

Dear Principal / Teacher,

The National Disability Authority is delighted to bring you its art competition "Someone Like Me" and invites your primary school to participate again this year!

Now in its 10th year, this fantastic competition is open to all classes. It aims to raise disability awareness amongst primary school pupils and provide them with a better understanding of what unites children in their different abilities. We will provide the resources you need for children to learn about disabilities and inclusion, while also being in with the chance to win some lovely prizes - for the pupils, the school and yourself! Our resources have curriculum links to: Arts Education, Social and Environmental Education (SEE); and Wellbeing.

What Can We Learn?

This competition gives your pupils an excellent forum to discuss the topic of disability and focuses on:

- *Promoting inclusiveness and diversity*
- *Developing an awareness amongst children of the similarities and differences between people's abilities*
- *Providing an opportunity to develop empathy by exploring hidden disabilities and intellectual disabilities*

Entering Couldn't Be Easier!

1. Complete the lesson plan:

To introduce this important topic to your pupils, we have enclosed junior (junior infants -2nd class) and senior (3rd – 6th class) lesson plans and activity sheets. Pupils are welcome to enter as individuals, a class, or an entire school group. Additional resources and information are available: www.someonelikemecompetition.ie.

2. Create your art piece:

Encourage your pupils to create a piece of art that showcases what they've learned in a fun and creative way. Entries can come in all shapes and sizes and any format your pupils wish! This can be anything from a painting, collage, or papier-mâché sculpture - imagination is key!

3. Send us your entries and activity sheets!

We will happily accept photos or physical entries to the addresses outlined below

What Can I Win?

- By entering, you could win fantastic cash prizes for your school worth over €1,000 including a teachers prize!
- Winners will attend a national prize-giving ceremony in January 2026
- Prizes are awarded to 1 junior and 1 senior category winner in every county, as well as 1 Overall Junior National Winner and 1 Overall Senior National Winner.

The deadline for entries is November 14th, 2025: in time to make the shortlist announcement on December 8th

We look forward to seeing what amazing art pieces your pupils create! If you have any questions please contact our project office on (01) 5224815 or someonelikeme@realnation.ie

Did you know
there are

TWO WINNERS

Chosen per County

Kind regards,

The #SomeoneLikeMe Project Team

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FAO 6th class teachers: if you are interested in a teaching your pupils about Universal Design as a tool for positive change check out the free Power of Design workshops at www.jai.ie for more information

Someone Like Me Art Competition 2025

Entry Form (one per entry)

Pupil's Name:

Class:

School Name:

Roll Number:

School Address:

*School Email:

*Phone:

Teacher Name:

Teacher Email:

Teacher Phone:

* Schools and teachers will only be contacted in relation to the Someone Like Me Art Competition

Teacher Signature