



Break the Silence: end child sexual abuse

Institute for Gender and Development Studies, The UWI, St. Augustine Campus

Break the Silence

1st Art Competition & Charity Auction

“Breaking the Silence on child sexual abuse”

Creative Art Competition

Background

Child Sexual Abuse has long been considered a taboo subject and until recently, has not allowed a platform for those inflicted to stand up against its pervasiveness. It is the aim of Break the Silence to inspire a change. It is envisioned that the Art Competition will instigate a positive message with its theme *“Breaking the Silence on child sexual abuse.”* The Art Competition is an opportunity for young citizens and residents of Trinidad and Tobago to share their feelings, opinions, experiences, and ideas on child sexual abuse and to prompt a meaningful change.

What Can Be Submitted

A creative/artistic work of a visual nature of the types listed below can be submitted:

- 1) Photograph/s
- 2) Digital Imaging
- 3) Drawing
- 4) Illustration
- 5) Painting
- 6) Poster/s/ Graphic Design

Categories and Prizes

Participants may enter the competition in any of the following three (3) categories:

Category A – 7 to 12 years old

Category B – 13 to 17 years old

Category C – 18 years old and above

First, second and third place winners will be awarded in each category.

The results will be announced to each of the winners in the three categories one week after the deadline and a more formal announcement with prize distribution at the Charity Auction on May 30, 2015 (*tentative date*)

How To Take Part

Participants from the various categories can submit their entries via post or by hand to the designated contact: Ms. Zeleca Julien, the Institute for Gender and Development Studies, The University of the West Indies.

All entries must be accompanied with a copy of an identification form (Birth Certificate, T&T Passport, National ID, Driver's Permit, etc.).

All entries must be accompanied by a fully completed registration form (which includes a short description on how the entry illustrates the messages under the theme ***“Breaking the Silence on child sexual abuse”*** and can be submitted from **March, 2015 through April 20, 2015.**

Participants are to note that Break the Silence may in its discretion display the entries submitted at the 1st Charity Auction in order to showcase the art pieces and meanings which they depict.

No explicit sexual and violent content will be accepted.

All entries submitted to Break the Silence must be in the following acceptable format:-

Type	File formats accepted
Photographs/digital files	.jpeg Entries must be at high resolution of at least 300dpi.
Other types of artwork (e.g. drawings on art paper, paintings on canvas)	Designs must be at least A3 or 11 x 17 Tabloid size for painting/drawing. Drawing block paper would be appropriate. Participants can use different forms of art media (e.g. crayons, colour pencils, watercolours, etc) and/or decorations (e.g. glitter, stickers, etc). Each submission must be accompanied by a completed submission form.

Selection of Finalists Visual Arts - Composition, Presentation, Technique and Subject

From each category: 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners will be chosen by an independent panel of judges. The entries will be assessed on the following criteria:

1. Strength of message (50 points):

- Has the participant understood the messaging and theme?
- Is the message conveyed in an impactful way?

2. Creative expression (50 points):

- Is the work's concept and execution (presentation and technique) creative, original, innovative and exceptional?

Rules and Regulations

Participants can submit only one entry for each category. A participant will only be judged on one piece submitted.

Entries may be submitted by an individual, in small groups, or by an entire class, but only one (1) award will be presented per entry.

All entries must be original, not owned by any party other than the participant, and must not have won prizes in any other competition. Any form of plagiarism, copyright violation will deem the submission invalid/unacceptable.

- **The Art Competition is open to all members of the public, residing in the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago.**
- **All entries submitted must be deemed appropriate by the Panel of Judges.**
- **An Incomplete/incorrect submission will result in entry being disqualified.**
- **All entries that do not meet the Competition Rules and Guidelines shall be subject to disqualification.**
- **Prizes are strictly non-transferable.**

Notice to all Participants

Entries will not be returned. By virtue of entering the Competition the participant grants consent to the Break the Silence, for the use of such entry as a contribution to the Charity auction or for promotional purposes which include but not limited to, the production of documentaries, informational videos featuring the entries submitted, storage and use as part of national archives, presentation as part of national cultural displays and publications of a non-commercial nature.

Break the Silence shall reserve the right to reproduce, publish or exhibit any entry or a modified version of it without requiring the permission of participants, solely for the purpose of the BTS campaign and advocacy to do with Child Sexual Abuse and for the month of April, Child Abuse Awareness Month.

It is the responsibility of all participants to ensure that their submissions are original works and do not infringe any copyright or intellectual property right of a third party. Where there is an infringement of any such right on the part of the participants, Break the Silence shall not be liable for the infringement.

Break the Silence is not responsible for any entries which are incomplete, lost, delayed, or not transmitted due to technical failure, however caused.

By entering this competition, all participants grant Break the Silence the right to collect, use and disclose the personal information provided. The data may also be used by Break the Silence in order to verify the participant's identity, postal address and telephone number.

Decisions made by the judges are final.

Break the Silence may disclose personal information to respond to legal requirements, enforce our policies, respond to claims that a submission or other content violates the rights of others, or protect anyone's rights, property, or safety. Such information will be disclosed in accordance with applicable laws and regulations.

The entries submitted will be adjudged by a Panel of Independent Judges and the decision made by the Judging Panel is final.

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