

Flame of Friendship

Torch Design Competition Briefing

Overview

In the run up to the Paris 2024 Olympic/Paralympic Games schools across Coventry will be taking part in a relay run, carrying a bespoke designed torch from school to school, culminating in a final run and mini-parade across the University of Warwick campus and into the Butterworth Hall at Warwick Arts Centre where participating schools will take part in a celebration of the Olympics and Paralympics sharing highlights of our torch relay.

Pupils from primary and secondary schools across Coventry are invited to submit design ideas for the torch.

Prize

The winning design will be made by WMG at the University of Warwick. The winning team will be invited to a design consultation on the university campus where they will work with technicians from WMG to turn their design into one that can be manufactured. The winning team will have the opportunity to join the first part of the torch run and be welcomed on stage at the celebration in July and introduced to our VIP guests.

The members of the winning and highly commended teams will each win a goody bag and all participating schools will be provided with a set of participation certificates and giveaways for everyone that took part if requested (details will be available on the Flame of Friendship webpage from September 18th).

Design Brief

The torch must

- Be carried by people of different ages, different sizes and different abilities.
- Be able to be outside in all weathers.
- Be easy to carry and not slip.
- Contain a live flame - please incorporate space in your design for the flame, imagine a cylinder approximately 4cm diameter and 20cm in length (similar to the size and shape of the cardboard centre of a roll of kitchen towel).
- Be representative of friendship and Coventry's heritage.

Rules

To take part in the competition the following rules must be abided by:

- Pupils should work in groups of 2-6 (any age) to come up with one design.
- Schools with under 200 pupils can submit one design.
- Schools with 200 or more pupils can submit two designs.
- How schools choose their winning submission is up to them.

The Final Submission

Each submission should include:

- An A3 annotated drawing of the final design, detailing specific aspects of the design e.g. materials, shape etc.
- An A3 background research page showing where they got ideas or inspirations – this could include notes and images of materials, inspiration, locations etc., anything that helped shape the final design. Examples of a research page will be available on the Flame of Friendship webpage from September 18th.

Submissions should not include:

- Names of schools or individuals on the design or research pages
- 3D models

To make a submission, schools are encouraged to take photos or scans of their design and research pages (if done on paper) and email them to resonate@warwick.ac.uk by 5pm Monday 23rd October 2023.

However, we will accept posted pages, these should be sent to the address below (please copy exactly as shown) and be received by Monday 23rd October. If you are posting we suggest you take photos of your pages and email us to let us know to expect them in the post.

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Judging

A panel of judges from the University, Coventry and the world of sport will review all the submissions and determine the winning design along with three highly commended designs using a judging matrix. The decision of the judging panel is final.

Timeline

Monday 11 Sep	Design competition opens
Monday 23 Oct, 5pm	Deadline for submissions
Between 24 Oct – 10 Nov	Submissions assessed
Tuesday 14 Nov	Winners announced
Between 20 Nov – 08 Dec	Winners design meeting with WMG engineers
Between 27 Nov – 23 Feb	Final design manufactured at WMG
Between 23 Feb – 22 Mar	Torch presented to winning team

Other Information

You can find all this information and other updates on the Flame of Friendship webpage, part of the Warwick Institute of Engagement from 18 September 2023.

https://warwick.ac.uk/wie/events/flame_of_friendship

We also encourage you to share pictures, photos, videos of your activities related to the Flame of Friendship – please share them with your community and on social media. You can also send them to us at resonate@warwick.ac.uk to be included in our promotional activities and the highlights reel at the celebration event on July 8th 2024.

Please note, you do not have to take part in the design competition to take part in the torch relay, you do not have to take part in the torch relay to take part in the design competition and you are very welcome to take part in both.

If you have any questions please email resonate@warwick.ac.uk and we will get back to you as soon as possible.