

**Headteacher/Chair of
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Dear Headteacher/Chair of Governors

**CELEBRATION OF INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY 2021 IN
NORTHUMBERLAND**

I am writing to you regarding a number of exciting initiatives that Northumberland County Council are launching today to engage young people within the County to help celebrate International Women's Day 2021.

Myself and my colleagues, Councillors Veronica Jones, Wendy Pattison and Susan Dungworth are delighted to be supporting these initiatives which we hope will engage young people across the county to be inspired and creative as we lead up to this year's International Women's Day which will take place on Monday 8th March 2021. This year's theme is #ChooseToChallenge and further information can be found at <https://www.internationalwomensday.com/Theme>

We would like you to encourage your students to engage with the following:

1. ART COMPETITION

Northumberland County Council invites school age children within Northumberland to submit their finest art drawings of Inspirational Women from Northumberland in celebration of International Women's Day 2021.

Categories are as follows:

- Years Reception/Year 1
- Years 2- 4
- Years 5 - 8
- Years 9 - 12



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Prizes will be awarded as follows:

Winner:

£200 for the award winning school and £25 book voucher for the winning artist

Runner up:

£100 for the runner up school and £20 book voucher for the runner up artist

Closing date for entries: 5 pm, Friday, 12 February 2021

Entries to be submitted to: Leader's Office, County Hall, Morpeth,
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2. POETRY COMPETITION

Northumberland County Council invites school age children within Northumberland to scribe a poem relating to Inspirational Women in Northumberland in celebration of International Women's Day 2021. The word count limit is 300 words.

Categories are as follows:

- Years Reception/Year 1
- Years 2- 4
- Years 5 - 8
- Years 9 - 12

Prizes will be awarded as follows:

Winner:

£200 for the award winning school and £25 book voucher for the winning author

Runner up:

£100 for the runner up school and £20 book voucher for the runner up author

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3. SHORT STORY COMPETITION

Northumberland County Council invites school age children within Northumberland to submit a short story regarding the experiences of a fictitious inspirational female character set in Northumberland. The word count limit is 1,500 words.

Categories are as follows:

- Years Reception/Year 1
- Years 2- 4
- Years 5 - 8
- Years 9 - 12

Prizes will be awarded as follows:

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4. INSPIRATIONAL YOUNG WOMAN AWARD

Northumberland County Council invites nominations for the award of Northumberland's Inspirational Young Woman Award in celebration of International Women's Day 2021 which will be announced on 8th March 2021.

Nominations can be made for any young woman attending full or part time education within Northumberland under the age of 25 years.

Categories and submission criteria are as follows:

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- Years Reception - Year 4
- Years 5 - 8
- Years 9 - 12
- Under 21 years
- Under 25 years

Submission Criteria

- The individual nominated needs to be able to demonstrate that they make an outstanding contribution to residents within Northumberland and/or the County itself
- The individual nominated needs to be a resident in the County of Northumberland

Prizes will be awarded as follows:

Winner:

£100 voucher for the award winning individual in each category

Runner up:

£50 voucher for the runner up individual in each category

The overall winner will be granted the award of Northumberland's Inspirational Young Women 2021 and they will also receive an ipad.

Closing date for entries: 5 pm, Friday, 12 February 2021

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We would like to wish you the very best of luck with your submissions.

Yours sincerely

COUNCILLOR GUY RENNER-THOMPSON
Cabinet member for Children and Young People