

Inspired By

Manchester Art Gallery

23 May – 23 July

Free admission

Adult learners from across the North West have taken part in *Inspired By*, a national art competition organised by MLA North West and the V&A Museum, London as part of Adult Learner's Week. 10 lucky winners will have their artwork displayed throughout Manchester Art Gallery, alongside the work from the Gallery's collection that inspired them.

Amongst the winners chosen from over 160 regional entries is an interpretation of *The Chariot Race*, voted the Gallery's most popular of all paintings. The work of Harvey Foster, a retired aeronautical engineer features horses from the original painting, which have been transformed into speeding cyclists racing around a velodrome.

Other winners include Kais Messaoud's intricate wire sculpture based on the shapes of Kate Malone's giant ceramic pineapple, from the Gallery's craft collection. Adolph Valette's impressionist paintings of industrial Manchester were the inspiration behind Ann Rodrigues's watercolour of today's Manchester.

10 runners up will have their work shown at Manchester's Central Library.

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Notes to Editors

1MLA (Museums, Libraries and Archives) North West provides innovative services and strategic leadership for over 200 museums, 40 major archives and 500 libraries. It is committed to developing accessible, inclusive collections and services that provide lifelong learning, inspiration and enjoyment for all.

Adult Learners week runs from 22-26 May

Winners

Mr Harvey Foster from Lytham St. Annes
Mrs Sara Davies from Longsight, Manchester
Mrs Gillian Murray from Gatley, Cheshire
Mr Garry Barlow from Offerton, Stockport
Mr Kais Messaoud from central Manchester
Mrs Ann Rodrigues from Cheadle Hulme
Mrs Susan Webster from Macclesfield

Mr Ahmet Turgutlu from Fallowfield

Ms Tanya Kharina from Moston

Mrs Jessica Leaf from Chadderton

Runners up

Mr Marcel Aveydisan from Chesterfield

Ms Ruth Eagle from Crewe

Ms Penny Whitehouse from Malpas, Cheshire

Mr Christopher Gough from Salford

Mr Peter Rea from Withington, Manchester

Miss Shabana Azim from Manchester

Mr Michael Cohen from Longsight, Manchester

Ms Lucilla Jones from Whalley Range, Manchester

Mr Trevor Cole from Longsight, Manchester

Mr Geoff Hall from Alderley Edge