

## ALLNE European Day of Languages Writing Competition 2020

This year's nationwide competition theme was **International City**, chosen to reflect the way the world was moving in terms of social policy (Newcastle in our region has an active International Newcastle project, for instance) and because of the flexibility of language that learners of all ages might choose to use. We thought that

younger language learners might focus on a plan, maybe using colour-coding as well as labelling, write a list, or draw a typical street in 'International City'.

older students might invent a description, an advertisement, a wish-list, a story or a consideration of what is an international city or a guided tour of 'International City'.

The city could be in our contemporary world, in history or in an entirely imaginary place! The idea of an international city could involve green issues, as well as those of language and culture.

Of course when we invented the theme we did not anticipate how small our ambit or our daily vision, would become due to the pandemic lockdowns; we do think it is still worthwhile though to remind young people of the bigger world and the initiatives, opportunities and activities we hope will soon be returned to their lives.

Competition entries were affected by the COVID-19 pandemic in terms of numbers, and in terms of the process of judging, which had to be done remotely and electronically by people whose usual level of busy-ness was increased exponentially.

Given the current climate judges felt that **all schools** who participated deserved recognition of their effort, and we wrote to them all to congratulate colleagues and their learners for the quality and enthusiasm of the work we saw.

Some samples, chosen at random from the whole field of entries can be seen on this page.

We thank our judges for their time and commitment, and are glad that they enjoyed their task once again.

We gave 25 Commendations to individual pupils from Primary up to Sixth Form, and sent certificates with letters of celebration.

Each year we are generously sponsored, in order to give prizes and in 2020 we thank

**Sanako, Durham County Council International Office, Nattalingo, International Newcastle, Newcastle University Language Resource Centre** and ALLNE who organise the competition with NFLNE.

Prize-winners have been notified and certificated and prizes sent via the teacher contacts.

**2020 Prizewinners**

Age group	Name	School
KS2	Ottoline	North London Collegiate School
	Lucile	North London Collegiate School
	Sasha	Eaton Square School, London
KS3	Zoheb	Queen Elizabeth's School Barnet
	Noor	Benfield School, Newcastle-upon-Tyne
	Ruqayah	Benfield School, Newcastle-upon-Tyne
KS4	Darren	Queen Elizabeth's School Barnet
	Vignesh	Queen Elizabeth's School Barnet
	Beatriz	Jack Hunt School, Peterborough
	Merin	Jack Hunt Peterborough
	Rim	Benfield School, Newcastle-upon-Tyne
	Sarah	Benfield School, Newcastle-upon-Tyne
16+	Fope	North London Collegiate School
	Keira	North London Collegiate School
	Ria	North London Collegiate School
	Tasnim	Jack Hunt School, Peterborough
	Matthew	Pitsford School, Northants.
	Peter	Pitsford School, Northants.