

## **The Bigger Picture: A Black History Month Photography Competition for Merton Schools:**

Using photography, we want you to help us to celebrate Black history in Merton.

As part of the borough's Black History Month programme, we are launching a photography competition for Merton Schools, leading to an exhibition and an associated launch event on Wednesday 23 October.

We would like your photographs on the theme of black history and culture. Your picture could feature anything from a family and friends, to places, events, sport, music, cultural activities – or even food. The subject matter is up to you but **your picture should tell a story and all pictures must be taken within the Merton area.**

Judges will select a number of images to feature in an exhibition at Merton Civic Centre from 23 October to 6 November 2024 and 3 winners will be selected from each category.

Competition entries will also be added to the Merton Memories website [www.merton.gov.uk/memories](http://www.merton.gov.uk/memories)

### **Age categories:**

Primary School: 5 – 11 years

Secondary School: 12 – 16 years

Teenage category: 16 – 18 years

### **How to enter the competition.**

Please email your digital competition entry to : [local.studies@merton.gov.uk](mailto:local.studies@merton.gov.uk) by **11am on Thursday 17 October 2024. (PLEASE NOTE: We cannot accept entries received after that deadline.)**

For each entry we will need:

- Your name, age and school
- Your parent/guardian's name, phone number / email address
- A title for your photograph
- **If you are under 18, you must have permission to enter from your parent or guardian.**

### **What to enter**

- Images must be **no larger than a 5MB file**
- A maximum of 2 entries may be entered per applicant.
- An image will be rejected if it appears to have been taken in an irresponsible way.
- All images should be taken within the London Borough of Merton

- Merton Heritage Service reserves the right to remove or refuse any entries from the competition for any reason.

### **Terms & Conditions:**

By entering the competition, you agree that your photograph will become the copyright of London Borough of Merton (see Usage rights.)

If your photograph is selected for display, you will allow the use of your name and photograph in associated publicity.

The competition is open to anyone studying at a Merton school.

**If you are under the age of 18 you must have permission to enter from your parent or guardian.** By submitting an entry for the competition, your parent/carer/guardian is deemed to have given such consent and to agree to the use of the entry as described in these terms and conditions.

The closing date for submissions is 11am on Thursday 17 October 2024. Any submissions received after this time will not be eligible. Please note that sending is not proof of receipt.

The Organisers cannot be held responsible for emails that do not arrive due to the entrant's email security settings or restrictions placed by their Internet service provider.

Your entry must be submitted digitally. No other forms of entry will be accepted.

By submitting images to the Bigger Picture competition, each entrant confirms that:

- they are the sole author of each entry and that it is their original work;
- they transfer copyright and any other intellectual property rights to the London Borough of Merton;
- they have the permission of anyone pictured in the image (or, where the image shows any persons under 18, the consent of their parent/guardian) for the usage rights required by London Borough of Merton and will indemnify London Borough of Merton against any claims made by any third parties in respect of such infringement;
- they have not licensed or disposed of any rights in the image that would conflict with uses to be made by London Borough of Merton;
- they have received any necessary permissions from the owner(s) of objects including buildings included in submitted images for the usage rights required by London Borough of Merton and will indemnify London Borough of Merton against any claims made by any third parties in respect of such infringement.
- London Borough of Merton has permission to use the imagery provided on the Merton Memories website ([www.merton.gov.uk/memories](http://www.merton.gov.uk/memories)) and across its marketing channels as long as full credit is given to the photographer.
- If you are a competition winner you will take part in and cooperate fully with reasonable publicity and to the use of your name and photograph in such publicity, for example, the publication of photograph(s) with your name by London Borough of Merton.

## **Judging**

A panel of judges will select images based upon skill, diversity, originality and creativity. Judging will be made up of selected Merton councillors, Heritage staff and volunteers. The decision of the organisers is final and no correspondence will be entered into concerning the competitions judging and organisation.

## **Announcement of winners**

Judges will choose 3 winners from each category. A selection of commended images will feature in an exhibition at Merton Civic Centre. All entries will be displayed on the Merton Memories website. Winners will be announced and prizes awarded at a special exhibition launch event on 23 October (4-6pm).

## **Usage rights**

By entering the competition, you transfer photographic copyright to London Borough of Merton, allowing it to reproduce, enlarge, publish or exhibit, on any media, the images for any purpose to further its aims and objectives. This could include but is not limited to use:

At presentation events, including exhibiting the images in and around Merton.

- On the Merton Council website, Merton Memories website, London Borough of Merton social media channels and email communications. This includes the right to sell prints to the general public for private study or research.
- In My Merton magazine and associated printed and digital publications
- In the press for the purposes of publicising this photography competition and the promotion of London Borough of Merton.
- As part of digital advertising creatives when promoting Merton Heritage Service.
- The competition organiser will make every reasonable effort to ensure that name credits are given to any photograph published in any medium

## **Data Protection**

We will keep your details on our secure database to enable us to use your images (see usage rights). Your data will be kept securely in line with GDPR regulations and our Privacy Policy.

## **Indemnity and Limitation of Liability**

You agree to indemnify London Borough of Merton against any loss, damage, injury, cost or expense suffered by London Borough of Merton as a result of your entry in the competition, including (but not limited to) any claims of infringement of intellectual property rights made by any third party.