



Competition closes  
**10 March**

# Kids Recycling Competition

Be 'Bin smART' and win a tablet!

[www.midulstercouncil.org/binsmart](http://www.midulstercouncil.org/binsmart)



Comhairle Ceantair  
**Lár Uladh**  
**Mid Ulster**  
District Council

### **The Challenge:**

Primary school children in the district are invited to take part in the competition by creating a sculpture out of the everyday recyclable items found in their blue bin. It can be a fairy, a robot, a rocket, a car or even a scary dinosaur. There are so many marvellous things waiting to be discovered!

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### **The Rules:**

- The competition is only open to children who live or attend school in Mid Ulster.
- Only 1 entry per child.
- Sculptures must be made from at least 2 recycled materials found in your blue bin.
- Sculptures must be 3D.
- All materials used in the creation of your sculpture apart from paint, tape, glue or fasteners used to hold it together must be recycled from your blue bin.
- Entries must include the child's, name, age, school and contact details and a paragraph explaining what your sculpture is and listing the main materials used.
- It must also include a minimum of 2 photos but no more than 4 of your sculpture.
- Sculptures must be photographed and entries must be submitted electronically to [recycling@midulstercouncil.org](mailto:recycling@midulstercouncil.org) by Wednesday 10th March 2021.
- All sculptures should be age appropriate. Parents can help but it should be the child's work.

### **The prizes:**

10 lucky winners will receive a brand new Fire 7 tablet and the most creative entries will be profiled on the Council's social media channels.

### **Closing Date:**

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For more information on the competition visit [www.midulstercouncil.org/binSMART](http://www.midulstercouncil.org/binSMART) or contact John Murtagh at Mid Ulster District Council on:  
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## Council urged to run recycling competition

A Cusher councillor has praised the recycling efforts of a neighbouring council and called on Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon Borough to run a similar scheme across the borough.

Speaking at council's monthly meeting in March, Alderman Gareth Wilson praised a Mid Ulster District Council competition, 'Bin smART', that encouraged youngsters to create a sculpture from material that can be put in the recycle bin.

Children were encouraged to submit photos of their art work to Mid Ulster District Council and the top 10 entries were awarded a tablet.

Alderman Wilson said he would like to see council do something similar in the hope of increasing children's awareness of the materials that can be reused and recycled.

"I have heard about Mid Ulster's 'bin smART' competition and I think it is a great idea," said Alderman Wilson.

"With the current lockdown restric-

tions, technology has come to the fore and council has done well to get technology into the hands of local school kids so with that in mind can I make a proposal that council runs a competition similar to the one run by Mid Ulster.

"Recycling is going to be more and more of an issue and we should be doing all we can to encourage interest in it.

"I think it would be very useful if our council would consider something similar, a competition with a prize of a tablet could be an excellent way to attract kids into something that could have a long term benefit."

The proposal was seconded by Councillor Declan McAlinden who said he would concur with Alderman Wilson's comments and described the competition as an "excellent idea".

Council voiced its approval for the proposal for officers to move forward with plans for a recycling competition for the borough's children.



Nursery – Oscar McClenaghan – Magherafelt Nursery – Piggy Bank



Conor Kerr – St. John Bosco's PS, Ballynease – Spark the Dragon



Cara Hutchinson – Newmills PS – Cara Town



Daniel McKenna – Gaelscoil na Speiríní, Ballinascreen – Fish Tank





Charlie Boyle – St Columba's PS, Straw – Art the Robot



Faye Daly – Roan St. Patrick's PS, English – Microscope





Ava Kearney – St Patrick's PS, The Loup – Earl the Owl



Kara Cushnahan – Holy Family PS, Aughamullan – Bird Feeder





Mickey Hall – Ballytrea PS – Formula 1 Car

