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WANTED: YOUNG BRITISH AVIATION ARTISTS TO ILLUSTRATE 'FLIGHT INTO THE FUTURE'

Light Aircraft Association Takes the Lead to Promote British Entries to FAI Young Artists Contest 2018.

The Light Aircraft Association has agreed to work with the Royal Aero Club and the World Air Sports Federation, FAI, to encourage more young British artists to take part in the global FAI Young Artists Contest. The theme of the contest is 'Flight into the Future' and entries are open from today. Young artists between the ages of 6 and 17 are invited to submit drawings and paintings, working under the theme of 'Flight into the Future' and the LAA will be publicising the competition and running activities to support UK entrants.

The three best artworks in each category will be reviewed and selected in late 2017 by a panel including representatives of the LAA, RAeC and the Guild of Aviation Artists, before the chosen artworks are sent to the FAI. The final overall winners will then be chosen by an international FAI Jury in April 2018, with Gold, Silver and Bronze FAI Medals awarded to the winners for three age categories (6-9, 10-13, 14-17 years old). Last year thousands of youngsters took part from 16 countries. The final overall winners were from Russia and India.

"One of the LAA's priorities this year is sharing our passion for flying with the wider community" says LAA Chief Executive Steve Slater. "We've got activities ranging from our LAA Ambassadors and 'Build-A-Plane' projects to our Young People's Day at LAA HQ at Turweston on 1st July, as well as local events organised by LAA 'Struts' around the UK. The FAI Young Artists competition fits in perfectly with these, not least because interest in the theme "Flight into the Future' is shared by so many of our members of all ages. My message to all young people is, it's time to tap into your imagination, grab your favourite set of crayons, markers, pencils, or paints and show us your vision of what can happen when people work together and follow their passion for flight."

For more information contact the LAA at office@laa.uk.com

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One of the winning entrants from the 2017 FAI competition which had the theme "Above the Clouds". Painted by Elizaveta Tioshenko of Russia.



Young aviation artists at work outside the LAA HQ at Turweston.

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Notes for editors:

The UK Light Aircraft Association is Britain's biggest sport flying organisation with over 7,600 members who fly over 2,700 different aircraft, ranging from vintage to state-of-the-art homebuilt types. Founded in 1946, now as then, the Association's motto is 'Flying For Fun' and the Association is dedicated to affordable flying with many aircraft costing less than a second-hand car.

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The FAI, the World Air Sports Federation (www.fai.org), is the world governing body for air sports and for certifying world aviation and space records. The FAI was founded in 1905 and is a non-governmental and non-profit-making organisation recognised by the International Olympic Committee (IOC). FAI activities include Aerobatics, Aeromodelling, Airships, Amateur-Built and Experimental Aircraft, Balloons, Drones, Gliding, Hang Gliding, Helicopters, Manpowered Flying, Microlights, Parachuting, Paragliding, Paramotors, Power Flying and all other Aeronautic and Astronautic sporting activities.

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www.fai.org/about-fai/fai-young-artists-contest

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