

# SCHOOLS ANTI-LITTER POSTER COMPETITION 2026

Closing date for entries is Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March 2026

## Loads of Prizes!

Galway County Council is inviting students within its functional area to participate in an Anti-Litter Poster competition as part of Galway County Council's 2026 Anti-Litter Programme.

### Design your Anti-Litter Poster to address one of the following problems:

- Stop Littering our Towns and Villages**  
(20% of litter is caused by passing pedestrians)
- Roadside Litter**  
(almost 40% of litter is caused by passing motorists)
- Beach Litter**  
(cigarette butts, sweet papers, fast food wrappers, and coffee cups are the most common litter items)
- Cigarette-Related Litter**  
(half of all litter is cigarette-related)
- Dog Fouling**  
(dog fouling causes serious hygiene and health risks)
- Bin your gum when your done**  
(7.3% of litter recorded is chewing gum)



### AGE GROUP PRIZES

#### PRIMARY SCHOOL

1st, 2nd, 3rd, and highly commended prizes will be awarded to Junior Infants, Senior Infants, 1st Class, 2nd Class, 3rd Class, 4th Class, 5th Class, and 6th class.

#### SECONDARY SCHOOL

1st, 2nd, 3rd, and highly commended prizes will be awarded to 1st Year, 2nd Year, 3rd Year, 4th Year, 5th Year and 6th Year.

### SPECIAL AWARDS

- One overall winner in the Primary School and the Secondary School entries will be selected.
- One overall winner in each theme will be selected.

### AWARDS CEREMONY

An Awards Ceremony will be arranged where all winners will receive their prizes and can view all the winning entries.

### HOW TO ENTER

Please forward posters by post or deliver to Galway County Council, Áras an Chontae, Prospect Hill, Galway H91H6KX before 4pm Friday 20th March 2026 marked 'F.A.O. Mark Molloy, Poster Competition'.

### TERMS & CONDITIONS

- Closing date for this competition is Friday 20th March 2026. Entries submitted after the closing date will not be included.
- Posters must be no bigger than A3.
- More than one entry from a class is welcome.
- Entrants must include Name of student, School name, School contact email, and Class on back of poster.
- Submitted posters may be used in future anti-litter campaigns in the county.
- Winners will be chosen from all entries received in each section.
- Judging of the competition entries will take place after the closing date.
- All decisions made by the Judging Panel are final.
- The winning schools will be contacted directly.
- Unsuccessful entries will not be contacted regarding the outcome of the competition.

You are providing your information to the Environment Department, Galway County Council, who will administer and judge the competition. The winners' names will be published online and highlighted across social media channels or print media. The Winner must agree to the use of their name, image, and entry in any publicity material. Any personal data relating to the winner, or any other entrants will be used solely in accordance with current data protection legislation and Galway County Council privacy statement which is available to view at

<https://www.galway.ie/sites/default/files/2025-06/Privacy%20Statement%20Environmental%20Services%20Administration.pdf>

No information will be disclosed to a third party without the entrant's prior consent.

