

# Competition Guide for educators

A creative competition for  
all young people in Lewisham  
aged 9-18

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# Introduction

## What is Moving Stories: Lewisham?

As part of Lewisham Borough of Culture 2022, the Migration Museum has an exciting competition open to all young people aged 9-18 in the borough.

Moving Stories: Lewisham is a creative competition inviting young people living or studying in Lewisham to design an exhibit exploring migration and what it means to them. We are inviting young people to form a small team with their friends and/or classmates and work on a creative proposal for a migration display at the Migration Museum that they'll submit as a team. We will look at all entries and shortlist up to six teams who will work with artists, creatives, and curators to create prototypes of their entries, which will be displayed in Lewisham Shopping Centre. Shortlisted teams will present their ideas and prototypes to a judging panel at a finals event in December 2022, where the winners will be chosen. The winning team will have the opportunity to further develop their entry to create a mini-exhibit at the Migration Museum in 2023. The winners and all shortlisted teams will also win a range of great prizes.

The story of migration to and from Britain is huge. It covers thousands of years, involves millions of people, connects Britain to every corner of the globe and affects all aspects of our daily lives – from our families, the food we eat to the streets that we walk down and so much more. Migration affects us on a personal level, as communities and as nations.

The Migration Museum, currently based in Lewisham Shopping Centre, has been putting on exhibitions since 2013, and each of these have explored different aspects of migration, contemporary and historical. We have created immersive displays, brought stories to life through animation and audio, delved into historical moments and used art to encourage conversations about migration. You can see some examples of our exhibitions [here](#).

What migration stories are your students going to tell? What themes are they going to explore? This is an opportunity for young people's voices and ideas to be shared publicly and make an impact.

This guide is designed to give you all the information you need to enrol your students in the competition.

We have also created a separate guide for young people – [view and download it here](#).



### Why should I enrol my students?

This competition is an exciting opportunity to engage your students in Lewisham Borough of Culture 2022 around topics of migration and identity.

We know that understanding more about our shared migration stories is a brilliant way to bring students together, highlighting the importance of their own experiences and connections. This is an opportunity for young people to have their voices heard. Shortlisted teams will also have the opportunity to work with creatives and professionals to bring their ideas to life in public.

We can't wait to see what incredible topics and stories your students will come up with.

### Who can enter the competition?

If you work with young people in a school or youth group, you can enrol them in the competition.

We welcome submissions from primary and secondary schools, as well as from young people in youth groups or who would like to form a team independently.

To enter, you must register your interest in the competition on behalf of your school or organisation. Your students must then form teams of between 2-6 people to work on a proposal for a migration exhibit together. We welcome multiple submissions from each school or organisation, but this will be limited to two per class, so we recommend holding an internal selection process or competition within your school or organisation – we can advise you on this.

There will be two entry streams for the competition: one for those aged 9-13 and the other for those aged 14-18. This will allow for different learning levels when assessing entries and shortlisting. We are asking all young people under the age of 16 to enrol through a teacher, guardian or responsible adult. Over 16s are welcome to enter independently.

If you have any questions, please email us at:

[movingstories@migrationmuseum.org](mailto:movingstories@migrationmuseum.org)

### How is the competition structured?

The competition will have two stages. At the first stage, all entries will be assessed and up to six entries will be shortlisted.

If your students’ proposal is shortlisted, they will be matched with a Migration Museum team member, artists and creators from across Lewisham, and a coach from Landsec to build a prototype of their entry. These prototypes will be displayed in Lewisham Shopping Centre.

Shortlisted teams will present their ideas and prototypes to a judging panel at a finals event in December 2022, where the winners will be chosen. All shortlisted teams will also win a small prize to congratulate them for their incredible work.

The winning team will have the opportunity to further develop their entry to create a mini-exhibit at the Migration Museum in 2023. Winning team members will also each win vouchers and an exclusive day-trip – more info to follow soon!

### Key dates and deadlines

|   | WHAT   | WHEN  |
|---|--|---|
| 1 | Register your interest in the competition <a href="#">here</a>   | <b>From 31 January 2022</b>                     |
| 2 | Help your students to plan their proposal  | <b>Between February and September 2022</b>      |
| 3 | Book an assembly or workshop with the Migration Museum   | <b>From March 2022 onwards</b>                  |
| 4 | Ensure your students submit their proposal before the final deadline   | <b>30 September 2022</b>                        |
| 5 | All entries assessed and shortlisted teams selected  | <b>Between 30 September and 14 October 2022</b> |
| 6 | Shortlisted teams work with experts to design a prototype of their exhibit   | <b>Between 17 October and 4 November 2022</b>   |
| 7 | Prototypes displayed to the public   | <b>Between 14 November and 5 December 2022</b>  |
| 8 | Finals event – shortlisted teams present to judges, winning team and prizes announced                                    | <b>6 December 2022</b>                          |
| 9 | Winning team work with Migration Museum and experts to fully develop their idea, to be exhibited at the Migration Museum | <b>2023</b>                                     |

## Advice

We encourage young people to look at topics they find really interesting – focusing on whatever they find most inspiring will help them create the best possible proposal. Migration affects so many aspects of our lives, and this means they can go in many directions with their exhibit proposals: music, food, art. We also want them to think about how they will engage the public with their entry.

We are looking for new and inspiring ideas, creativity, evidence of planning and research, good team communication, and clear messages. Lewisham is London Borough of Culture for 2022, so we welcome entries that are focused on and explore how migration has shaped local Lewisham communities and the lives of its residents.

### **What do you mean by migration exhibit?**

A migration exhibit explores an aspect of migration in an interesting and creative way, engages its audience and encourages them to ask questions and learn about the topic. It could include different interactives, artwork and photography, personal stories, or objects.

### **What will my students be producing in their teams?**

In the first stage of the competition, teams will be producing a proposal for an exhibit. The proposal will outline what the exhibit is and what it is about. We want teams to show that they have considered themes, topics, and audience. There will be space to demonstrate research and to attach examples of things your students intend to include in their exhibit – this could be photographs, oral histories, drawings, artwork... or something else. More details on what we'll be asking them to include in their proposal can be found at the end of this guide.

If a team of your students is shortlisted, they will then work with creators, the Migration Museum and Landsec to build a mini-prototype of their exhibit. These exhibits will be on display to the public in Lewisham Shopping Centre in November 2022 ahead of a finals event in early December 2022.

The winning team will then get the opportunity to develop their idea into a full exhibit, for display in the Migration Museum in 2023.

### What support is available for teams and schools entering the competition?

The Migration Museum will be offering assemblies and workshops to introduce the competition and provide support. These can either be in-school or online. These will be delivered from March to August 2022 and will be offered on a first come, first served basis, so please contact us as soon as possible to book in if this interests you.

To find out more about the support we can offer, email us at: [movingstories@migrationmuseum.org](mailto:movingstories@migrationmuseum.org).

### Ideas, inspiration and useful links

We have created a [mood board](#) of inspiring ideas and different ways to engage in the topic of migration. You can share this with your students and encourage them to create their own.

We've also identified some websites and examples of organisations who engage with migration in interesting ways to help inspire your teams:

<https://www.migrationmuseum.org/exhibitions/>

<https://heartofthenation.migrationmuseum.org/>

<https://www.younghistoriansproject.org/>

<https://www.ourmigrationstory.org.uk/>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p084lg5h>

## Next steps

### How do I enrol in the competition?

To enrol your school, organisation or club in the competition please fill in [this expression of interest form](#). The Migration Museum will then get in touch to organise an assembly or workshop to introduce the competition to the young people you work with. Spaces for these are limited and will be booked on a first come first served basis so please enrol early to avoid disappointment!

Closer to the submission deadline, we will send you a link to an online form that your team will use to submit their proposal – see below for a list of the information we'll be asking for.

We will keep in touch throughout the competition, remind you of key dates and deadlines, and offer support and advice.

If you have any issues or further questions, please email us at: [movingstories@migrationmuseum.org](mailto:movingstories@migrationmuseum.org).

### What we'll be asking for in your students' proposal

#### Team member names

#### Contact details

(If under 16 please list the contact details of a teacher or responsible adult)

**A title for your exhibit** (15 words max)

**A short summary of your exhibit** (100 words max)

**A more detailed description of your exhibit** (500 words max)

**What are the main themes you are covering and why?** (500 words max)

**Who is your exhibit designed for and why? Who is your target audience?** (100 words max)

**Please attach any examples you would like to include here. Clearly label them with the title of your exhibit.** (A maximum of 5 attachments)

### Any questions?

Contact us via email at: [movingstories@migrationmuseum.org](mailto:movingstories@migrationmuseum.org).



## Student checklist

- We have registered interest in the competition with the Migration Museum
- We have formed a team
- We have decided on a topic
- We have researched our topic
- We have decided on our aims and theme for the exhibit
- We have collected stories and different perspectives
- We have thought about how we will explore the themes and display them creatively
- We have decided what audience we want to engage with our exhibit
- We have designed examples of things we hope to include in our exhibit
- We have decided a title for our exhibit
- We have filled in the proposal form
- We have submitted our entry to the Moving Stories: Lewisham competition