

Call for Entries to FÍS film awards competition

Primary schools all over Ireland are invited to submit a short film (no more than five minutes) across a broad range of subject areas including this year's special category: Dáil100.

Recently, the Ceann Comhairle, Seán Ó'Feirgháil, welcomed students from Gardiner Street Primary School to Leinster House to mark the Houses of the Oireachtas' collaboration with the FÍS Film Project Awards 2019.

As part of the year-long commemoration of the sitting of the first Dáil in 1919, FÍS has introduced a special category in this year's competition called Dáil100. Students will be encouraged to commemorate the anniversary of the first Dáil, celebrate its legacy and educate themselves and others about parliamentary democracy.

"I am delighted that FÍS are collaborating with the Houses of the Oireachtas to promote training and participation in the film-making process," said the Ceann Comhairle. "The Oireachtas will commemorate the sitting of the first Dáil with a programme of events under the Dáil100 programme and our engagement with FÍS will allow primary school children to connect with their Parliament in a creative way whilst also teaching them vital skills."

Bernadette Meagher, FÍS Manager, added: "The Institute of Art, Design and



Pupils from Gardiner Street Primary School at Leinster House

Technology (IADT) and FÍS project partners, the Professional Development Service for Teachers (PDST) are delighted to be part of the Houses of the Oireachtas' year-long celebration and commemoration of 100 years of Dáil Éireann. We look forward to receiving entries from Ireland's youngest film makers through the FÍS primary schools' initiative where they have the opportunity to mark the centenary in an

imaginative and creative way."

Rules, guidelines and entry details are available at www.fisfilmproject.ie.

Deadline for entries is Friday, 28 June 2019, and the shortlisted entries will be celebrated at the annual FÍS Film Awards ceremony in the Helix Theatre, DCU in November.

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The pack provides: six videos, a simple explanation of the science, extension activities, and worksheets for early, middle and upper years.

A printable teacher resource pack accompanies the resources and contains worksheets for the pupils.

Oh so slimy Explore the science of stringy and slimy slime. A great sensory experiment.

Cabbage magic Investigate an amazing colour-changing liquid that can indicate whether a solution is an acid or a base.

Tie dye milk Demonstrate the scientific principle of surface tension.

Kitchen quicksand Exhibit the properties of a solid and a liquid using cornstarch and water.

Sink or swim Show the principles of density in a colourful way. Designed to appeal to visual learners.

Colours of the rainbow Recognise the variety of colours that are found in a coloured marker. All you need are coloured markers, a glass, water, filter paper and a teaspoon.



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