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### **Bristol School Children say “no” to passive smoking**

School children in Bristol have been taking part in an art competition about “what smoking means to me”.

The competition has been run by the Healthy Schools project and it is part of the smoke-free Bristol drive in the city. The competition gave the youngsters a chance to show what they thought of passive smoking.

There were two categories one for under 7s and the other 7-11s and a separate prize for a special school entry. There were entries from 15 schools including Kings Weston special school.

Councillor Simon Cook, executive member with responsibility for health promotion and leisure will present the prizes at ceremony at At-Bristol from 2pm on **Wednesday 24 May**. At-Bristol have also sponsored the top prizes.

He said: “I am delighted that youngsters have been able to demonstrate to adults what it is like to have to breathe in other people’s smoke. They have used their artistic talents in very inventive ways.

“The Bristol partnership, which includes the city council and the NHS is concerned about the harmful effects of tobacco smoke on children in particular. Hopefully these works of art can help us drive home the message.”

Dr Julia Verne, locum director of public health for the Bristol Primary Care Trusts, said: “We were pleased that there was such a good response. The range of ideas from the children was fantastic and showed that even the smallest had grasped some of the key messages about the risks to health. They will be great

ambassadors in spreading the word about the most important avoidable cause of early death. I look forward to decorating the walls of my office with copies of the posters so all my visitors can see the great work of Bristol children.”

In Bristol there is a drive towards protecting the public and workers from second-hand smoke as part of the major Smoke-free Bristol initiative. The Bristol Partnership brings together the public, private, business and community sectors in Bristol to deliver long lasting improvements to the quality of life for all in the city and has been looking at smoke-free public places in Bristol amongst other public health issues.

The Partnership wants to protect people from the ill effects of smoke, which can kill and cause ill health. The Partnership is also fighting for the rights of everyone to work in a smoke free environment.

The prize winners are:

Under 7s

- Layah Bushell  
1<sup>st</sup> Prize  
Shirehampton Primary School  
Age 4
- Meghan Peck  
2<sup>nd</sup> Prize  
St Nicolas of Tolentine Catholic Primary School  
Age 7

Under 12s

- Athaliah Dart  
1<sup>st</sup> Prize  
St Anne’s Junior School  
Age 9
- Siobhan Fox  
2<sup>nd</sup> Prize  
St Joseph’s Catholic Primary School  
Age 11

Special Schools

- Adam Osborne  
1<sup>st</sup> Prize  
Kingsweston School  
Age 18  
Special
- Alex Baldwin  
2<sup>nd</sup> Prize  
Kingsweston School  
Age 13  
Special

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