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Introduction

To commemorate the 100th Anniversary to the end of World War One, the Birmingham Hall of Memory is inviting Birmingham schools to submit drawings/paintings of the iconic city centre landmark.

Background

The Hall was opened in 1925 to commemorate the 12,320 Birmingham citizens who died in World War 1.

Since the conclusion of the First World War the the Hall of Memory has stood as a memorial to the men and women of Birmingham who gave their lives in both the First and Second World Wars and those in active service since 1945.

Made from Portland stone, from the Isle of Portland in Dorset, the foundation stone was laid by HRH The Prince of Wales on 12 June 1923 and it was opened by Prince Arthur of Connaught on 4 July 1925 to a crowd of 30,000.

The four statues around the exterior represent the Army, Navy, Air Force and Women's Services.

The interior features three carved bas-relief plaques by William Bloye representing three tableaux: Call (departure to war), Front Line (fighting), Return (arrival home of the wounded). These bear inscriptions:



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- *"Of 150,000 who answered answered the call to arms 12,320 fell: 35,000 came home disabled"*
- *"At the going down of the sun in the morning we will remember them"*
- *"See to it that they shall not have suffered and died in vain"*

Project Details

As a tribute to the 100th Anniversary and the rich cultural history attached to the building, the Hall would like to invite Birmingham Schools of ages from 5 to 18 to submit a drawing/painting of the Hall of Memory.

This could be either of the exterior or interior, it could be of just a small area of the hall and it's furniture such as the statues, bookcases etc or it could be of the entire building. This could be from the Hall itself or from different views of the Hall such as above, taken from the Birmingham Library.

Each drawing should be no bigger than A3 (297mm x 420mm) in size and can be produced in any media, it should be accompanied by the student's Name, Age and School along with up to 250 words describing what inspired their drawing.

The best three from each key age category 5-9, 10-14, 15-18 will be selected by the Hall of Memory team and showcased on the Hall of Memory website and Google Gallery.



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All submissions must be sent to:

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Deadline for submission is: 5th November 2018
