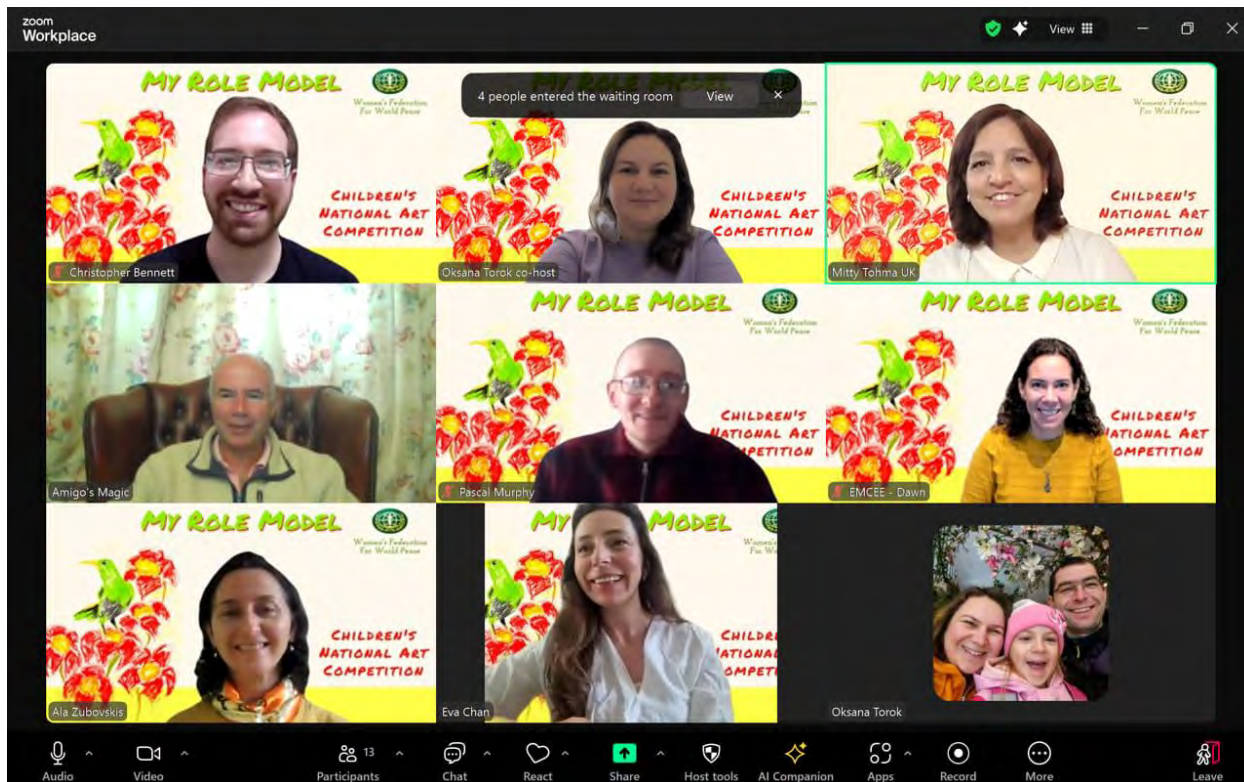


WFWP UK: 4th Annual Artists for Peace Children's Art Contest Finals Celebration

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The 4th annual Artists for Peace Children's Art Contest began with excitement and hope as families joined over Zoom for the grand finale. With more than 70 participants, parents and children from around the globe were eager to showcase their creativity.



Our welcoming host, Dawn Pollitt, expressed gratitude to all the young artists and acknowledged all the staff who pulled this event together, making sure to give a special thanks to Ala Zubovskis, the visionary behind the event. Special thanks were given to Pascal Murphy and Chris Bennett for their invaluable support.

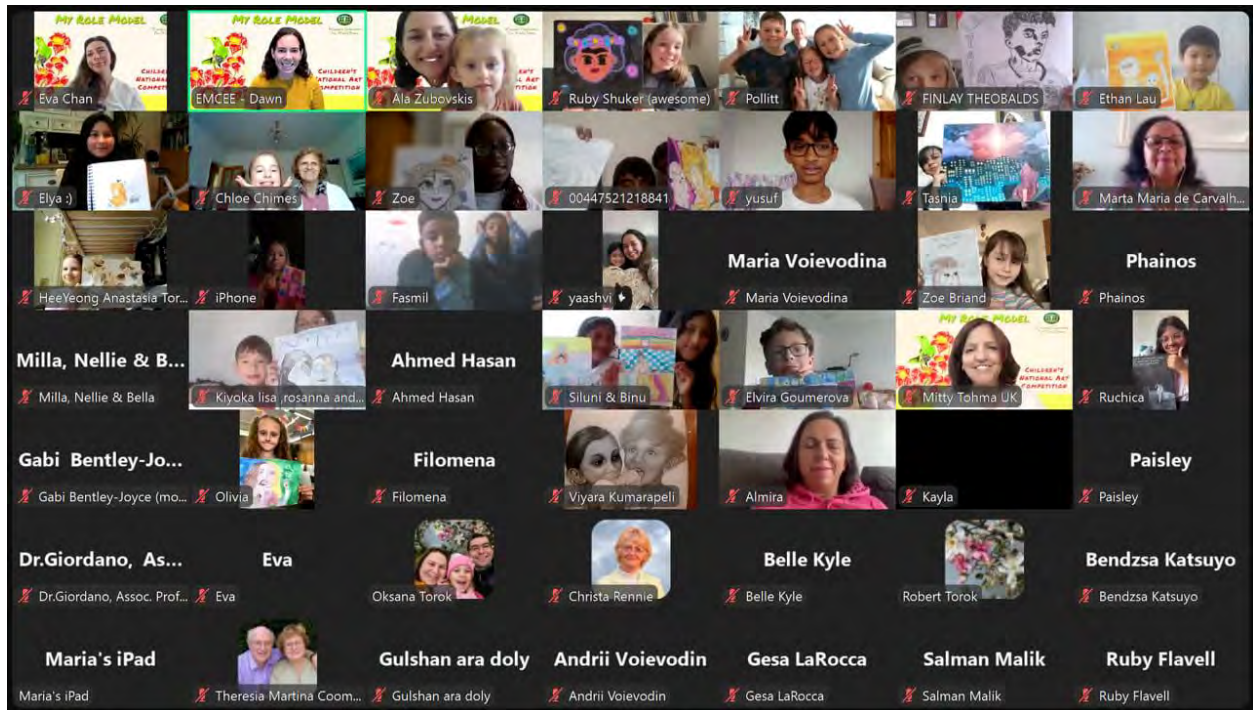
The energy soared when Dawn introduced Simon Rosselli from the Amigo's Magic. Simon captivated the children with his magical tricks, filling the virtual space with laughter and wonder. After the show, participants enjoyed a stunning slideshow featuring over 120 beautiful artworks that showcased a variety of colours, shapes, and textures on the theme "My Role Model."

Dawn then introduced the judges, Romica Jones, Anna Johnson and Chris Bennett, gifted artists and designers, who faced the tough task of selecting finalists. Chief judge Chris Bennett announced the winners from three categories, celebrating the hard work and creativity of the young artists. A recognition was given to those children who sent in their artwork from abroad.

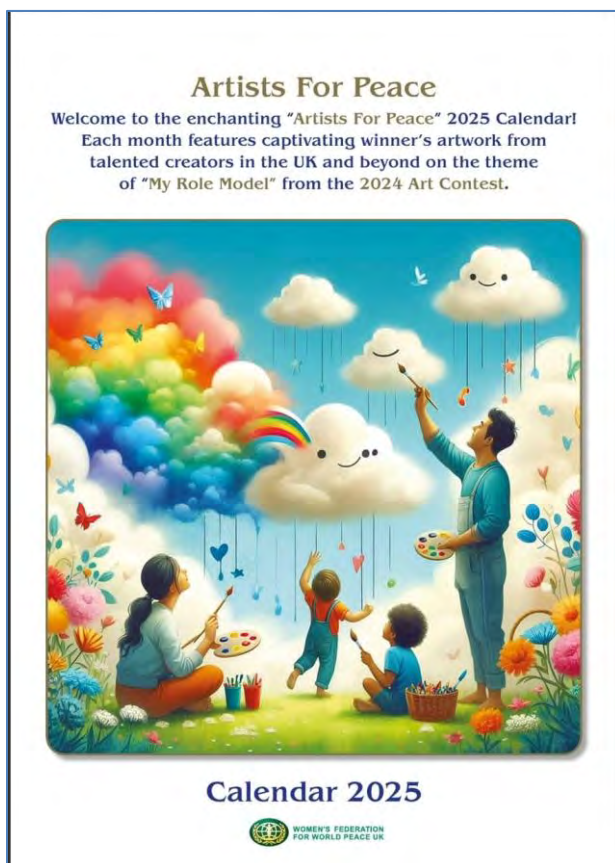
Before concluding the event, children shared touching stories about their artwork and what their role models meant to them. It was a heartfelt moment that highlighted the importance of creativity and inspiration.

Oksana Torok, the new chairperson having taken over from Ala Zubovskis, wrapped up the contest by encouraging the children and parents and thanking the dedicated team behind the scenes who made everything possible. She also announced the exciting new theme for 2025: "Underwater Adventure," chosen by the children themselves.

The event concluded with a joyful musical performance, celebrating the spirit of art and community, leaving everyone with cherished memories and a sense of accomplishment.



We are thrilled to announce the release of a stunning calendar featuring the exquisite artwork of the children, thoughtfully and lovingly crafted by David Rennie.



The Artists for Peace team:

Oksana Torok, Mitty Tohma, David Rennie, Dawn Pollitt, Ala Zubovskis, Chris Bennett, Pascal Murphy, Karen Grant, Joanna de Souza and Eva Chan

Invited guest judges: Romica Jones and Anna Johnson.

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