



IDEA DESIGN FOR EVERY LEARNER CHALLENGE 2026

Competition Terms & Conditions

We're excited to see your ideas and creativity. These terms are here to make sure the competition is fair, enjoyable, and clear for everyone taking part.

Who Can Enter?

The competition is open to secondary school students in Years 7–13.

You can enter on your own or as part of a team of up to four students. Please make sure you enter the category that matches your year group and design area.

Your Design

We want to see your original ideas. Your design should be your own work and should not copy someone else's product or concept.

Your design should aim to help children learn, communicate, play, regulate emotions, or feel more included. As you develop your idea, think about safety, accessibility, sustainability, and how it could work in the real world.

Submitting Your Entry

Please make sure all required materials are submitted before the competition deadline. Unfortunately, we may not be able to accept late or incomplete entries.

You may submit optional materials such as prototypes, models, videos, or mock-ups if they help explain your idea.

Ownership of Your Work

Your design belongs to you. We believe young people should receive recognition for their creativity and ideas.

By entering the competition, you give IDEA Design Hub CIC permission to display and share your work in exhibitions, presentations, publications, social media, websites, reports, and other competition-related activities. Wherever possible, we will credit the student or team responsible for the design.

If IDEA Design Hub CIC wishes to explore developing a winning idea further, this would always involve a separate conversation with the student, parent or guardian, and school where appropriate.

Judging

Entries will be assessed using the published judging criteria, including creativity, inclusion, practicality, communication, and development potential.

The judges' decisions are final.

Organising the Competition and Awards

While we hope everything runs exactly as planned, IDEA Design Hub CIC reserves the right to amend, postpone, shorten, extend, suspend, or cancel the competition if circumstances beyond our control make this necessary.

We may also make reasonable changes to competition dates, activities, judging arrangements, prizes, exhibitions, workshops, award categories, or other aspects of the programme where required. Any significant updates will be communicated to participants, schools, and teachers as soon as possible.

Prizes will normally be awarded as described in the competition brief. However, IDEA Design Hub CIC reserves the right to substitute prizes, adjust award categories, or not award a prize if entries do not meet the expected standard.

IDEA Design Hub CIC also reserves the right to refuse, withdraw, or disqualify any entry that does not comply with the competition requirements or is believed to compromise the fairness, integrity, safety, or spirit of the competition.

By entering the competition, participants acknowledge that all decisions relating to the organisation, administration, judging, and awards process rest with IDEA Design Hub CIC.

Photos and Publicity

We love celebrating the work of young designers. Photographs, videos, and images of submitted work may be used to promote the competition and share its impact through exhibitions, publications, websites, social media, and other communication channels.

Schools are responsible for ensuring that any necessary permissions have been obtained before submitting entries.

Respect and Fair Play

We want this challenge to be a positive experience for everyone. Entries that contain inappropriate, offensive, unsafe, misleading, or copied content may be disqualified.

Participants should ensure that all information provided as part of their submission is accurate and truthful.

Data and Privacy

Any personal information collected as part of the competition will only be used for the administration of the competition, communication with participants, and related educational activities.

Personal information will be handled responsibly and in accordance with applicable UK data protection legislation.

Finally...

Most importantly, enjoy the process. This challenge is about creativity, empathy, problem-solving, and making a positive difference through design.

We can't wait to see what you create!

IDEA Team