



## Call for Submissions:

### Artistic Voices: Illuminating Equality for Tomorrow's European Citizenship

We are pleased to announce the *Artistic Voices: Illuminating Equality for Tomorrow's European Citizenship* call for submissions, inviting young students aged 12-18 to express their perspectives on gender equality and human rights in the European Union through digital visual artistic works. This initiative aims to provide a platform for young people to explore and address significant societal issues while promoting EU citizenship rights and values. The culmination of this journey will be the exhibition of artworks at the Femme Fest event in October 2024, in Cyprus.

This initiative is one of the actions of the European project **Empower Women** that aims to promote a more inclusive and democratic Europe, through the organization of activities that raise awareness on the issue of gender equality in all member states, starting from the project partners (Italy, Croatia, Malta, Cyprus, Portugal, Greece).

We look forward to receiving your submissions and witnessing the creative interpretations of gender equality and human rights issues in the EU through the eyes of young artists.

#### Topic:

Art is like this super cool way to express deep stuff and feelings, you know? It's like, even if you don't speak the same language or come from different places, you can still connect through art. And guess what? Right now, we're living in a world where things like gender equality and human rights are super important. That's why it's totally crucial to give young people the chance to express themselves about these big topics in a creative way.

So, there's this awesome project called *Artistic Voices: Illuminating Equality for Tomorrow's European Citizenship*. It's all about giving power to the voices of young people all across Europe. They get to dive into these big ideas through art – asking questions, challenging stuff, and basically shaking things up!

Young artists can use all kinds of cool ways to express themselves. Think digital paintings showing inclusivity and strength, photos capturing moments of standing up



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for what's right, or even animations that totally flip the script on how we see people. Each piece of art has the power to start conversations and maybe even make some real change happen.

The focus is on shining a light on the struggles of people who often get left out, breaking down old rules, and pushing for everyone to be included. Plus, it's all about promoting the rights and values of being part of the European Union, like fairness, respect, and giving everyone a voice.

In the end, this project is like a big stage for artists to get people talking, challenge what we think, and inspire us to make things better for everyone. How awesome is that? 🎨 ✨

### **Eligibility Criteria:**

- Open to students aged 12-18 from across Europe.
- Each participant or each group of participants can submit one visual artistic work.

### **Form of Visual Arts:**

We invite submissions encompassing a diverse array of digital visual arts, embracing a wide spectrum of creative expression, focusing on photography, painting, video, and animation:

**Digital Photography:** Capturing and editing photographs using digital cameras and software like Adobe Lightroom or Photoshop. Explore various genres such as landscape, portrait, macro, and conceptual photography.

**Digital Painting:** Creating artworks digitally using painting software such as Adobe Photoshop, Corel Painter, or Procreate. Artists use digital brushes and tools to simulate traditional painting techniques.

**Digital Video:** Producing video content digitally using software such as Adobe Premiere Pro, Final Cut Pro, or DaVinci Resolve. Video submissions can include short films, documentaries, music videos, or experimental videos.

**Digital Animation:** Creating animated artworks digitally using animation software such as Adobe Animate, Adobe After Effects, or Blender. Animation submissions can range from 2D animations to 3D animations and motion graphics.

**Traditional artwork is accepted as long as it's sent in digital form (high quality photos, or scans)**



## Guidelines for Submission:

- Artworks must reflect themes related to gender equality and human rights in the EU.
- Submissions should be original creations of the participant or group of participants.
- Each submission should be accompanied by the name of the artist(s), school, country-city, a title and a brief artist statement (maximum 150 words) explaining the inspiration and message behind the artwork.
- Artworks must be submitted digitally in high-resolution photos or PNG exports or mp4. 1080p in case of Video/Animation, for the best showcase of your artwork.
- Ensure that your digital files meet the specified format and size requirements provided by the contest organisers. Pay attention to guidelines regarding resolution, aspect ratio, and file compression when preparing your submissions

## Important Dates:

- Submission Deadline: August 31, 2024
- Exhibition at Femm Fest in Cyprus: 25-28 October 2024

## Exhibition of Results at Femm Fest:

- Artworks will be exhibited at the Femm Fest event in Cyprus, providing a platform for participants to showcase their talent and perspectives.
- The exhibition aims to promote dialogue and awareness about gender equality and human rights among festival attendees.
- All participants will receive a certificate of participation and invitation to attend the FemmFest that will take place in Limassol, Cyprus in October 2024, either physically or virtually via a link.

## How to Submit:

- Please email your submission to [femfefest2024@gmail.com](mailto:femfefest2024@gmail.com) with the subject line *Artistic Voices Call*.

