

The Big Draw Press Release

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Announcing the Winners of The Big Draw Festival Awards 2016

For organisers of The international STEAM Powered Big Draw Festival 2016.

Tuesday 25th July 2017

Carpenters' Hall, Throgmorton Avenue, London, EC2N 2JJ

HIGHLIGHTS:

- **9 Winners** of The Big Draw Awards 2016 will be announced at 3.30pm, today (Tuesday 25th July).
- The Big Draw Awards celebrate organisers of outstanding events that take place as part of the international Big Draw Festival each October. All registered Big Draw event organisers who took part in the STEAM Powered Big Draw Festival 2016 were invited to enter the awards. **Entries were received from around the world.**
- Among this year's winners are a national **mining museum**, primary and secondary **schools**, a **land trust**, a **dementia charity** and a **power station**.
- As well as a **cash prize**, each winner will receive a certificate illustrated by patron of The Big Draw, **Chris Riddell**, and a newly designed **crest** to promote their award across multiple platforms.
- A **new 'Art of Business' Award** has been introduced for the first year, to recognise businesses going the extra mile to promote arts education.
- **Special guests and speakers** include:
 - **Gerald Scarfe** CBE, RDI - Legendary editorial cartoonist, illustrator and caricaturist.
 - **Bob and Roberta Smith** OBE, RA - Renowned contemporary artist and arts education activist.
 - **Zoom Rockman** - Teen cartoonist; illustrator for The Beano and Private Eye.
 - **Frances Quinn** - Designer, baker and winner of the Great British Bake Off 2013.
 - **Jim Le Fevre** - BAFTA Award-winning animator and inventor of the Phontrope.
 - **Jon Plackett** - Creative apps pioneer.
 - **Sue Grayson Ford** MBE - Founder of The Big Draw.
- The Big Draw Festival is an annual, international celebration of drawing that takes place from 1-31 October and has encouraged over **4 million people** back to the drawing board.
- The Big Draw Awards Selection Panel included: Kate Mason, Director, **The Big Draw**; David R. Glowacki, Scientist, Artist, Cultural Theorist and **Royal Society** Research Fellow; Stefanie Stead, Architect, Designer, Director **Stead & Co.**; Mike Stirling, Head of **Beano Studios** (Scotland).
- This year, for the first time, the awards ceremony will take place at the **Carpenters' Hall**.

Today, winners of the international Big Draw Awards will be announced at a ceremony at Carpenter's Hall. The Big Draw Award winners have been selected by a distinguished jury from a shortlist of projects that took place as part of The STEAM Powered Big Draw Festival 2016.

Winners include: Stanley Grove Primary Academy, Manchester; Ysgol Glannau Gwaun, Primary School, Wales; Kingsdale Foundation, London; Brecon Area Dementia Friendly Community/Society, Wales; Wyre Community Land Trust, Worcestershire; National Mining Museum Scotland, Scotland; United World College Maastricht; and, Drax Power Ltd, Selby.

Kate Mason, Director, The Big Draw commented:

"The winners of The Big Draw Awards have once again demonstrated the power of the universal language of drawing. This time drawing has united people of all disciplines - from physicists to miners - to demonstrate and celebrate the essential role of drawing and visual literacy across the curriculum, and indeed, in education at any age.

We'd like to thank everyone who took part in The STEAM Powered Big Draw Festival for their wonderful projects, and we welcome you to join us in October for Living Lines: An Animated Big Draw Festival 2017."

The Big Draw Awards recognise innovation, resourcefulness, widening participation and engagement with the universal language of drawing and the festival theme, which changes annually. The theme for 2016 was 'STEAM Powered' and encouraged organisers to bring together Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Maths in their events. The theme represented The Big Draw's support of the campaign to give the arts parity with other subjects and turn STEM to STEAM; the aim was to demonstrate the interconnected role of each subject in enabling creative innovation, enterprise, digital technologies and the arts.

The prizes are donated by the Barbara Whatmore Charitable Trust, which has supported the Awards for 12 years. The Arts Clubs and Societies is supported by Cass Art.

Anyone can organize an event for The Big Draw Festival, and every organizer is eligible to apply for an Award. Registration is now open for those wishing to participate in this year's festival, Living Lines: An Animated Big Draw Festival 2017, which will take place from 1-31 October.

A new People's Choice Award of £500, will be up for grabs for 2017 organisers. The award will be selected by public vote, placing the choice firmly in the hands of visitors, and accompanies The Big Draw's 8 annual, panel selected awards. Voting will open after the festival finishes after October 2017.

Read more on The Big Draw Festival 2017: Living Lines [here](#) and the new People's Choice Award [here](#).

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The Big Draw

Founded in 2000, The Big Draw is an arts education charity that promotes visual literacy and the universal language of drawing as a tool for learning, expression and invention. The charity leads a diversified programme encompassing advocacy, empowerment and engagement, and is the founder and driving force behind The Big Draw Festival – the world’s biggest celebration of drawing.

The Big Draw manages collaborative research projects, campaigns and educational conferences on visual literacy, digital technology and STEAM. The charity supports professional and emerging artists through The John Ruskin Prize and exhibition, and through events, awards, and competitions, creates platforms for each and everyone who wants to draw. www.thebigdraw.org.

The Big Draw Festival

Launched in October 2000, The Big Draw Festival has encouraged over four million people back to the drawing board. It has notched up two world records – for the longest drawing in the world (one kilometre) and the greatest number of people drawing simultaneously (over 7,000).

What began as a one day celebration of drawing in October 2000 in the UK, is now an annual month-long festival of drawing across the world. Registration is now open for 2017, Living Lines: An Animated Big Draw Festival, which will take place from 1-31 October.

Patrons include Quentin Blake, Andrew Marr, Bob & Roberta Smith RA, Lord Foster of Thames Bank, David Hockney OM CH, Sir Roger Penrose OM, Gerald Scarfe CBE, Posy Simmonds MBE and Children’s Laureate, Chris Riddell.

The Big Draw Awards

The Awards ceremony will take place from 2.15 on Tuesday 25th July 2017 at Carpenters’ Hall, Throgmorton Avenue, London, EC2N 2JJ.

Special guests include: **Gerald Scarfe, Bob and Roberta Smith RA, Zoom Rockman, Frances Quinn, and Jim Le Fevre.**

The Big Draw Awards have been made possible by the Barbara Whatmore Charitable Trust. Cass Arthave kindly sponsored the Arts Clubs and Societies.

THE BIG DRAW AWARD WINNERS

Award: Primary School Award

Winner [1]: Stanley Grove Primary Academy, Manchester

Contact: Emma Martin

Description: An exploration of science, industry and pollution through populating Greater Manchester with thousands of Peppered Moths hand-made and hand-drawn

by Stanley Grove students.

'Peppered Moths' <https://www.flickr.com/photos/149521766@N07/>

Award: Primary School Award

Winner [2]: Ysgol Glannau Gwaun – Primary School, Wales

Contact: Geraint Williams

Description: Maths problems on timetables and sequencing lead to a fully animated film narrated by and created from drawings by Ysgol Glannau Gwaun students.

'Maths in Motion' <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PatEY8BWa6E>

Award: Secondary School Award

Winner: Kingsdale Foundation, London

Contact: Sorrel Rix

Description: Kingsdale Foundation students pitched ideas for their own inventions before researching, investigating and modifying existing objects, with the resulting re-decorated inventions forming a 700 piece installation in the school's atrium.

Award: Art Clubs and Societies Award

Winner: Brecon Area Dementia Friendly Community/Society, Wales

Contact: Pip Woolf

Description: Volunteers, carers, support workers and users of the Tea & Chat dementia drop-in and Mountains Care Home collaborated with visitors to the Brecon Guildhall in producing an exhibition based on their response to the exclamation 'This is Me!'.

Award: Community, Participatory and Libraries Award

Winner: Wyre Community Land Trust, Worcestershire

Contact: Lynne Roberts

Description: Traditional methods were used to make charcoal that was used in a series of drawing activities in the wood pastures and fields around Worcestershire's idyllic Ruskin Land, producing work for an exhibition in the local Bewdley Museum. 'Big Draw and Apple Day':

<https://m.youtube.com/watch?feature=youtu.be&v=aLzqwfbYqo8>

Award: Museums and Galleries Award

Winner: National Mining Museum Scotland, Scotland

Contact: Victoria Robb

Description: Visitors to the mining museum and local primary schools collaborated on a crowd-sourced image of buildings inspired by the Lady Victoria Colliery, with schools workshops exploring a virtual reconstruction of the site using Minecraft, and investigating the history and dangers of the mining industry.

‘Crafting the Mine’:

https://www.facebook.com/pg/NatMiningMuseum/photos/tab=album&album_id=1442645605763785

Award: Guest Panellist’s Choice Award

Winner: United World College Maastricht

Contact: Antoinette Blain

Description: 30 different drawing workshops made up UWCM’s Big Draw Day, extending to participants from local organisations as diverse as a local elderly home, childcare centre, and refugee centre.

Award: Founder’s Award

Winner - St Edmunds Nursery School and Children’s Centre

Contact: Lou Sumray

Description: Children between the ages of 2-4 used conkers and spiders as visual stimuli to investigate drawing in a wide range of settings around the centre, from indoor play areas to the open air.

‘Conkers and Spiders’: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mR1det4n-A8&feature=youtu.be>

****NEW Award**: The Art of Business’ Award**

Winner: Drax Power Ltd - Animation Workshops, Selby

Contact: Jane Breach

Description: An intricately collaborative animation workshop, with groups working to draw elements of each scene separately, then bringing them together in an animated film exploring Drax Power Station’s internal workings, surrounding environment, and imaginary steam machines.

Special commendation:

- Kenton Secondary School - ‘Kenton’s STEAM Petri dish Big Draw’
- North Yorkshire County Record Office - ‘Invented in Yorkshire’
- Nottingham Castle Museum and Art Gallery - ‘The ADA Installation’