



The **“Music and Visual Art for Change”** competition seeks to harness the transformative power of music and visual arts to address and prevent firearms possession and violence in schools.

By encouraging Jamaican youth to create visual art and music that promote peace, this initiative aspires to shape a positive narrative that stands against the normalization of firearm violence.

The competition seeks to emphasize that firearms are not symbols of power or strength. True strength is found in standing firm in one’s values, prompting peace, unity, and positive change, including through creative self-expression.

By embracing these principles, the initiative aims to support and inspire the younger generation to reject violence and build safe, non-violent, inclusive and effective learning environments for all.

The competition will culminate with an event held in Kingston, Jamaica, during the month of November, which will showcase the submissions of the finalists and will be followed by an award ceremony to announce the winners of the competition.

“Music and Visual Art for Change: Preventing Firearms Violence in Schools” is part of the activities carried out by the United Nations and Jamaican authorities under the Saving Lives Entity (SALIENT) fund initiative in Jamaica. This initiative seeks to tackle armed violence in Jamaica as part of a comprehensive approach to sustainable security and development.

For more information, please email to music-art@unlirec.org.

Eligibility criteria

- ✓ High school students aged **12-19**
- ✓ Living in **Jamaica**
- ✓ Interested in **visual arts** (painting, photography, drawing, graphic design) or **music**
- ✓ Ready to **inspire others to shift away from guns**

This is your chance to make your voice heard!

Submit your
visual artwork

Submit your
song

Terms and conditions



Submit your entry by
21 October!

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