



NASUWT has once again been deluged with dozens of finely crafted paintings, pencil drawings, poems and stories as students around the UK expressed what cultural diversity means to them. The high standard of entries for this year's Arts & Minds competition delighted the judges and demonstrated the spirit of compassion and tolerance which exists in classrooms across the country.

NASUWT established the competition in 2004 to highlight the wealth of artistic talent possessed by young people and the hard work which many schools do in teaching students about the importance of racial equality and respect for others.

The awards are divided by each region of the UK with categories for art and creative writing.

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Cultural
Diversity
in the United Kingdom

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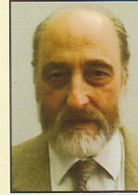
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UK OVERALL WINNER

The overall winner in this year's competition is **Donya Ghorbani** of King Edward VI High School for Girls in Birmingham. Her artwork, entitled '**The Rainbow: The Unity of Colours**', uses a striking and sophisticated mixture of colours and symbols to represent the diversity of today's society.

Judges' comments:

"We chose this one as visually the message was instantly clear. The black and white are separate but if you mix it all together it becomes very vibrant, very colourful. It is a very nice visual message. Artistically, the best compliment we could give this entry is that it would not look out of place as a poster or picture on anyone's wall. It is a piece which you could spend a lot of time looking at."

