



# SCHOOL COMPETITION

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## Introduction

The Chartered Surveyors Training Trust and My Environment My Future (MEMF) invites all young people across the UK to think innovatively and practically about how they can improve their local urban area, by redesigning a local building or space. Our free competition supports students to connect the geography curriculum to a real-world scenario whilst gaining, and putting into practice valuable skills such as teamwork, problem-solving and presentation skills. Through this competition we aim to empower young people to discover the potential they have to influence the world around them.

The built environment, which surrounds us all, is one of the largest sectors in the UK, yet many career paths remain unknown to people outside of the sector. During this competition, students will explore, and practice key skills needed for various careers within the sector and identify roles they may want to consider as a future career. The CSTT will provide further information and careers support during and after the competition.

## Design Brief

Each entry should cover four key areas:

- the original site,
- their new designs,
- sustainability of the designs and
- how their plans meet the needs of the local community.

We encourage all entries to think outside of the box and to stretch our imaginations of what is possible when designing their proposal. Examples of previous entries can be found at <https://memf.careers/resources/school-competition/>

## The Site

Student should research their local area and select a building or space in need of a renovation. They should describe the original site, explain its original purpose and why they feel it is in need of being redeveloped. Your students know their local area as well as anyone, and can decide how and where their designs make the biggest impact?

## The Design

Students should describe or illustrate their new designs, showcasing the layout and any key design features. Each entry should explain the function of the building and how the design choices support its purpose. Entrants should also provide examples of how they have taken the local surrounding area into consideration. This is a fantastic opportunity for students to showcase their creativity and practice their problem-solving skills.



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## Sustainability

The entry should consider and demonstrate how they have tried to make the space or building sustainable. This could be the materials used, the energy sources used or how waste is managed and should be included within the designs or the proposal. Students should also think about how they will ensure the building is future-proof and can meet the needs of generations to come.

## Local Community

At the heart of any redevelopment, should be the needs of the local community. Most of us live in diverse and intersectional communities and new spaces should be welcoming to all. Students should explain who their target audience is, how their designs meet the needs of the audience and how the space can be inclusive to all. This can be demonstrated through accessibility to and within the space, its function, materials used or transport links for example. As part of the local community, students already have the potential to be experts on the needs of the people around them.

## Submission Details

There are three age categories: 11-14, 15-16 and 17-19, and students can enter as individuals or as a team. All entries are submitted digitally as posters, presentations or videos. You do not need to have completed the MEMF school programme, this competition has been designed to be a stand-alone challenge.

All entries are to be submitted before the competition deadline of 5th May by 5pm, via email to [molly@cstt.org.uk](mailto:molly@cstt.org.uk)

## Key Dates

**Competition Launch:** 9th January 2023

**Submission Deadline:** 5th of May 2023

**Winners announced:** 16th of June

## Prizes

Submissions will be reviewed by a group of the CSTT Board and winners from each age category will win a voucher (£50 per student up to groups of 4). All schools who enter the competition will be offered the opportunity for a career talk by a built environment industry professional. Please contact [info@cstt.org.uk](mailto:info@cstt.org.uk) if you are interested.

## Get in Touch

We look forward to seeing your students' entries. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to get in touch at [info@memf.careers](mailto:info@memf.careers)



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