



## OFFICE OF THE MAYOR OF VICTORIA REPUBLIC OF SEYCHELLES

### KIDS' ART COMPETITION

#### THEME: "MON NWEL KREOL / MY CREOLE CHRISTMAS"

#### Rules and Regulations

As part of this year's Christmas celebrations in Victoria, the Office of the Mayor of Victoria is organising an art competition for children of different ages. The competition will be launched during the Creole festival in October 2026.

#### **Article 1. The theme**

Participants should create an artwork around the theme:

#### **"Mon Nwel Kreol /My Creole Christmas"**

- All artworks must be based on the official theme.
- Participants are encouraged to demonstrate creativity, imagination and originality in interpreting the theme.
- Artwork that does not relate to the announced theme may be disqualified.

#### **Article 2. Objectives**

- Encourage children to explore and express how Christmas is celebrated in Seychelles, reflecting the richness of Seychelles Creole culture and Victoria's identity as the Creole capital of the Indian Ocean.
- Promote creativity and artistic expression by providing children with an opportunity to communicate their wishes, dreams, ideas and vision through art.
- Celebrate the spirit of Christmas by promoting peace, love, kindness, generosity and harmony within families and communities.
- Preserve and promote Seychelles Creole heritage by encouraging children to showcase local traditions, customs, food, music, decorations and festive celebrations.
- Inspire children to imagine a cleaner, greener, more inclusive and vibrant Victoria, while encouraging environmental awareness and responsible celebration.

### **Article 3. Eligibility**

- The competition is open to children and young people within the specified age groups.
- Participants must fall within the relevant age category on the official competition closing date.
- Each participant may submit only one artwork.
- All entries must be original creations made by the participant.
- Open to both locals and foreigners residing in Seychelles

### **Article 4. Competition categories**

The competition is open to children and young people in the following age categories:

- Category 1: 5–9 years
- Category 2: 10–15 years
- Category 3: 16–18 years

Participants will compete against others within their respective age categories.

### **Article 5. Artwork Requirements**

- Artwork allowed is in the form of drawing or painting only.
- Format: A5 paper and canvas
- All artwork must be completed by the participant without assistance from parents, teachers or other individuals.
- Entries must be submitted in good condition and clearly labelled with a title-name-surname format at the back of the paper/canvas

### **Article 6: Submission of Entries**

- All entries must be submitted on or before the official deadline: 1<sup>st</sup> December 2026.
- Each submission must include the participant's full name, age, category, and contact details of a parent or guardian for participants under 18.
- Late, incomplete or incorrectly labeled entries may not be accepted.
- Submitted artwork must not have won another competition.
- Entries will not be returned unless the organisers specify otherwise.

### **Article 7. Ethical guidelines**

- The use of artificial intelligence (AI) tools to generate or create artwork is not permitted.
- Tracing or copying another artist's work, or submitting artwork created by another person, is prohibited.
- Artwork must be suitable for public display and must not contain offensive, discriminatory or inappropriate content.

## **Article 8. Judging Criteria**

Entries will be assessed by a panel of judges based on the following criteria:

- Creativity and originality – 30%
- Relevance to the theme – 30%
- Artistic expression and technique – 20%
- Overall presentation and effort – 20%

Judges will consider the participant's age and the expectations appropriate to each category. The judges' decisions will be final.

## **Article 9. Prizes and Awards**

- Prizes will be awarded separately for each age category.
- The organisers will award first, second and third prizes in each category, as well as special recognition awards where applicable.
- Prizes are not transferable or exchangeable for cash unless otherwise stated.
- The organisers reserve the right not to award a prize if the entries do not meet the required standard.

## **Article 9. Ownership and Use of Artwork**

- Participants retain ownership of their original artwork.
- By entering the competition, participants grant the organisers permission to photograph, display and reproduce their artwork for non-commercial promotional, educational and publicity purposes related to the competition.
- The participant's name and age category may be published alongside the artwork, subject to the appropriate consent of a parent or legal guardian.
- The organisers will take reasonable steps to acknowledge the artist whenever the artwork is reproduced.
- Any use beyond the purposes stated above will require separate permission where applicable.

## **Article 10. Parental or Guardian Consent**

- For participants under 18 years of age, a parent or legal guardian must provide consent for participation and for any agreed use of the participant's artwork.
- A specific form will be provided for parental consent.

## **Article 11. Disqualification**

The organisers reserve the right to disqualify any entry that:

- Violates these rules and regulations.
- Is copied, plagiarised or created by another person.
- Contains false or misleading participant information.
- Is submitted after the deadline.

- Uses prohibited AI-generated content.
- Is deemed inappropriate or unrelated to the competition theme.

#### **Article 12: Indicative Timeline**

- Contest Launch: 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2026
- Submission Deadline: 01<sup>st</sup> December 2026
- Judging & selection by the jury: 1–11<sup>th</sup> December 2026
- Announcement of winners: 17<sup>th</sup> December 2026

#### **Article 13: Submission**

- Submit all original artwork in person to the Office of the Mayor of Victoria, along with the completed entry form, by 4 pm on the deadline.
- No entries will be accepted after that date/time.

#### **Article 14: General Conditions**

- Participation in the competition implies acceptance of these rules and regulations.
- The organisers reserve the right to amend the competition arrangements where necessary, with reasonable notice to participants.
- The organisers will handle participants' personal information responsibly and use it only for competition administration and related purposes, subject to applicable data protection requirements.
- The organisers' decisions on competition administration and the application of these rules will be final.