



## SAFE PLANET

**Vancouver Art Contest, 2011-2012**

*Student Heroes for the Environment*

**Contest begins 9 December, runs until May 18, 2012**

**Final selections announced June 15, 2012**

Safe Planet: the United Nations Campaign for Responsibility on Hazardous Chemicals and Wastes is pleased to announce the launch of the Vancouver Art Contest. Our goal is to raise awareness in Youth about Climate Change, toxic pollution and the growing chemical Body Burden now nearly endemic to our society. We are actively engaging Youth in working towards creative solutions for eliminating the many hazards present in our daily environment.

To that end, we are looking for Safe Planet Heroes, young artists, and imaginative students across Vancouver, to create a work of art that demonstrates the possibilities of life in a world without hazardous chemicals and waste. Examples of the problems we are faced with are: single-use plastics currently damaging our oceans, the toxic emissions polluting the air we breathe, and appearance of unwanted chemicals pesticides in the food we eat. What are your solutions? The bottom line is a call for a strong image that represents a Safe Planet, free of hazardous chemicals and wastes. See more information on our website at <http://www.safepla.net>, and look at our "Flagship" themes, as well as "contests".

All two-dimensional media are welcomed: photographs, paintings, drawings, graphics.

### Winners

Besides prizes, five winners will have their winning designs reproduced on an eco

conscious, reusable Shopping Tote that will be used for fundraising in the Vancouver district, as well as future Safe Planet events internationally. The new **Safe Planet Heroes** will be announced at a joint Press Conference with the Vancouver School Board in mid-June, 2012.

### Prizes

☛ K - 3 : A week at Fun Camps, Vancouver

[http://www.funamps.ca/Vancouver\\_FUN\\_Camps.html](http://www.funamps.ca/Vancouver_FUN_Camps.html), for two winners

☛ 4 - 7 : A week at Fun Camps for two winners

☛ 8 -12: A week at Art Mill <http://www.artmill.eu>, in the Czech Republic for one winner, including airfare to Europe (with chaperoned flight)

☛ Cash Prize (\$500 per 5 winning schools) for each Finalists' School to go towards sustainability related projects.

☛ Winning images/designs will be printed on new Safe Planet sustainable bags to be sold at eco-friendly outlets around British Columbia

## Rules

Each school is asked to submit two finalists by May 18, 2012. Team submissions (of up to 2 students) are welcomed. (If an 8-12 grade team is selected for the ArtMill prize, the cost will be split between the two). Scanned images of the work, plus a one paragraph text can be sent in 2 separate pdf. files to:

**[artcontest@artmill.eu](mailto:artcontest@artmill.eu)**.

Questions can also be sent here.

Final entries must include:

1. name of the student
2. name of the school and teacher
3. student's age, home address, phone number, parental contact (email + phone)
4. descriptive paragraph of the project + image

By entering the Competition, winning students have assigned copyright of their paintings/artwork to the organizers. Original artwork will not be returned and will be used to raise environmental awareness through the UN Safe Planet websites, posters, publications etc., and to raise funds to further promote environmental activities by youth.

The Vancouver Art Contest is organized through the support of Friends of Safe Planet- affiliated organizations ArtMill (Art Dialogue, Czech Republic and USA), and Ethical Profiling Ltd. (British Columbia, Canada). Friends of Safe Planet serve as volunteer advisors to Safe Planet: the United Nations Campaign for Responsibility on Hazardous Chemicals and Wastes. The United Nations Environment Programme, the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, the Secretariats of the Basel, Rotterdam or Stockholm Conventions and their Parties do not respectively represent, endorse or guarantee the Vancouver Art Contest. Neither the United Nations nor its affiliates, nor any of their respective agents, employees, information providers or content providers, shall be liable to any user or anyone else for any error or omission in the conduct of the Vancouver Art Contest, which is the sole responsibility of the organizers.

More information at [www.artmill.eu](http://www.artmill.eu)

*Become a Safe Planet Hero and join the United Nations Safe Planet Campaign to make the planet safe for all living things!*

