

# Borough and Me

## homework competition

Student and  
parent guide



### The Borough and Me homework competition asks you to think like an urban planner!

This means looking at all of the things that make somewhere a great place to live and coming up with new ideas that might be applied in Barking and Dagenham.

To enter the competition, you will need to choose between the four Borough and Me homework projects set out in this booklet. Once you have chosen, you can work with your parents or another adult to complete the project over summer half term, before submitting to your school.

Competition opens  
Saturday 24 May  
Last submissions  
Monday 4 June

**What would you do to make Barking and Dagenham the best possible place to live?**

**What decisions would you make?**

**We need your ideas!**



Manor Junior School



BeFirst



Each school will get to choose three projects to showcase at the One Borough Festival. All winning entries will be judged by the Leader of the Council and other local celebrities, and the three best will win prizes for their schools.

**Will you be one of the winning three?**

## Art

Design a mural or sculpture that could be put up in Barking station to welcome visitors to the borough that represents our history and values.



## Design and Technology

Build your own sustainable neighbourhood using recycled materials or create a building that could become part of Barking and Dagenham in the future.



**Pick one project that you would like to do at home with your family then get working on it over the Summer Half Term.**

**Focus on what you would do to make Barking and Dagenham the best possible place to live!**

**Entries close  
4 June**

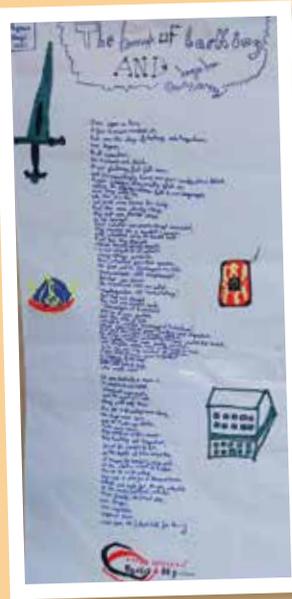
## Poetry

Write a poem about how Barking and Dagenham has changed through history and how you would like it to change in the future.



## Creative Writing

Interview someone you know well that has lived in the borough for a long time and describe what life used to be like, how this is different to now and how they would like it to be in the future.



## Rules

You must be aged between 7 and 11, and attend a school in Barking and Dagenham. You can only submit one project, picking from among the four options set out overleaf. You should submit your entry, along with this leaflet, to your school immediately after May half term.

### Your details

Name:

Age:

Your street:

Your school:

### Ask your parents

It's absolutely fine to ask your parents for their help with this, in fact we encourage it! You could even do it with your gran. She always knows everything. Please get whoever helps you to fill in the box below, asking them:

**What would they most like to see from growth in Barking and Dagenham?**

### Useful links

If you need some inspiration check out the top sources below.

#### Online:

- The Be First website: [www.befirst.london](http://www.befirst.london)
- A blog run by a local artist, Verity Jane-Keefe, about the history of the borough: [www.everydayfutures.co.uk](http://www.everydayfutures.co.uk)
- A guide to the future plans that LBBDD have for the borough: [www.lbbd.gov.uk/borough-manifesto](http://www.lbbd.gov.uk/borough-manifesto)
- A blogpost from Darren Rodwell - leader of the council, on growth and regeneration: <https://neweastnewthinking.com/2018/01/06/x/>
- A useful site to access historical photos: <https://www.flickr.com/photos/barkingdagenhamarchive/albums>

#### Watch/listen

- Our instructional video: <https://youtu.be/-wjSw2sfpMk>
- A United Nations video about sustainable growth and communities: [www.unhabitat.org/papercity](http://www.unhabitat.org/papercity)