

Textile design competition



The exterior of New Lanark

The general public, design students and existing designers are invited to enter a competition to celebrate the opening of London's Fashion and Textile Museum's Artist Textiles Picasso to Warhol exhibition at New Lanark from 26 January.

Textile production and innovation has been the continuous thread throughout New Lanark's history and the one-time largest cotton manufacturer in Scotland now produces over 60 shades of high-quality woollen yarn using historic textile machinery.

The exhibition traces the history of 20th century art in textiles including prints of work by Salvador Dali, Henri Matisse, Pablo Picasso and Andy Warhol.

The design competition is to commission a special New Lanark textile print to incorporate into a new range of promotional merchandise which will be sold exclusively within the New Lanark Mill Shop.

The textile print should be an all over repeat pattern that embodies the theme of living and working at New Lanark.

This theme can incorporate a number of topics such as the village's social history and industrial heritage, textile production, New Lanark's unique architecture, natural surroundings and the Falls of Clyde.

Entrants are encouraged to be inspired by conducting their own research into New Lanark by visiting the village or viewing content at www.newlanark.org , www.instagram.com/NewLanark and www.facebook.com/NewLanark

A spokesman said: "In conjunction with the Year of Young

People 2018, New Lanark would be particularly interested to see entries from aspiring designers and young creatives and, as such, have designated an under-16 prize category.

“Entries are encouraged to be as creative as possible, whilst keeping in mind the commercial viability of the design and its appeal to New Lanark visitors including international tourists, visitors from elsewhere in Scotland and the local community.”