Initiative of the Constitutional Court - school students’ drawing and essay competition devoted to the Constitution of the Republic of Latvia

**Goal of the initiative:** to promote school children’s and students’ loyalty to Latvia and their confidence in the Constitution, to strengthen their statehood consciousness and to encourage them to participate in state processes, as well as to promote their interest in and awareness of the Constitution and its significance. The competition was held in order to improve the school youth’s knowledge of the fundamental values of Latvia as a democratic state governed by the rule of law, to acquaint them with the Constitutional Court, explaining its role in a democratic society, and to encourage their creative self-expression.

**Target audience and theme of the drawing competition:** the 6th grade pupils of general and special education institutions were invited to produce and submit drawings on the theme proposed by the Constitutional Court.

**Target audience and theme of the essay competition:** the 9th and 12th grade students of general, special, and professional education institutions were invited to write and submit essays expressing their thoughts on the theme proposed by the Constitutional Court.

**Further information:**

The Charter of the competition, the assessment criteria, the materials annexed to the Charter, a retrospective video about the competition, as well as the works of the competition laureates (both drawings and essays), in Latvian, are available in the section *Konkurss* on the website of the Constitutional Court [in Latvian]:

http://www.satv.tiesa.gov.lv/konkurss/

Retrospective videos for each year with subtitles in English are available here:

First year’s - [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GrJ598QdGLs](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GrJ598QdGLs)

Second year’s - [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GrJ598QdGLs](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GrJ598QdGLs)

Third year’s - [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CCgLj2dJj0](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CCgLj2dJj0)

Fourth year’s - [https://youtu.be/fqMkMVFr1BQ](https://youtu.be/fqMkMVFr1BQ)
Best drawings from the 2020 competition “All children are equal in their rights” are:


3rd place – student at Ludza Secondary School No 2 Dana Streļcova. Teacher – Irīna Martjukova.

Liepāja Centre Primary School student Daniela Teterė. Teacher – Agnese Kundziņa.

Student at the Private Secondary School INNOVA Tatjana Barčevska. Teacher – Anastasija Postiropulo.


Student of Ventspils Secondary School No 4 **Grieta Kornijanova.** Teacher – Madara Lilienfelde.
Viesīte Secondary School student **Reinis Rugainis**. Teacher – Sarmīte Ratiņa.

Student at Atis Kronvalds Durbe Lower Secondary School **Gerda Marija Linde**. Teacher – Inga Lankupa.
Student at Rēzekne Secondary School No 3 Kamilla Olenoviča. Teacher – Jekaterina Borisovska-Cvetkova.