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Guantánamo 20th Anniversary Youth Poster Contest!

What do you know about the US military detention facility at Guantánamo Bay? What comes to mind when you think about it? Torture... indefinite detention... injustice... Islamophobia?

Amnesty International and the Center for Victims of Torture want YOU to share your creative vision for closing Guantánamo in 2022. Submit your original digital artwork to us by February 9, 2022!

January 11, 2022, marks 20 years since the detention center was opened. 780 Muslim men and boys have passed through its doors over the past two decades, and today there are 39 men still detained, most without charge, none having received a fair trial. Many were tortured by the U.S. government. Senior government officials have already recommended releasing 18 of the men, yet they, too, remain behind bars.

President Biden has promised to close the facility, but he hasn't done it yet, and doesn't seem to be making it a priority.

Art is a powerful medium for telling a story and inspiring others to take action. Guantánamo has now been open for 20 years. President Biden needs to hear from you! Will your artwork be the one that inspires people to take action? That moves them to get involved?

The poster contest is for people ages 30 and younger. The original digital artwork should encapsulate the theme “Closing Guantánamo: 20 Years Too Long” and should have an educational component to teach people about the detention facility. The contest judges will include representatives from Amnesty International, the Center for Victims of Torture and Sabri Al Qurashi, an artist who was detained in Guantánamo for 12 years.

Submissions are due on February 9, 2022. The winner will be announced on February 12.

First Place Prize: \$1,000. Artwork will be used widely in Amnesty and CVT campaigns.

Second Place Prize: \$500

Third Place Prize: \$200

Runner-ups: Your artwork will be shared from the Amnesty International and Center for Victims of Torture organizational accounts on Twitter and Instagram!

Instructions for submitting your original digital art: Send your submission to submissions@cvt.org

Please include the following information with your art attached:

*Name

*Email address

*Age

*Why do you care about closing Guantánamo?

*Where you live

*Upload file with art

Note: By submitting your artwork to the contest hosts, you're agreeing to share the rights to your art with Center for Victims of Torture and Amnesty International to be used for all of their campaign activities including but not limited to: social media, media, research, advocacy, and fundraising. When your artwork is used credit will always be given in the caption!