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## **ART TO INSPIRE WOMEN OF THE FUTURE International Women’s Day Competition/Exhibition**

International Women’s Day 2012 will be celebrated this year with an exhibition of locally inspired art entitled ‘Connecting Girls, Inspiring Futures’ at Brush Farm House, 8 – 10 March.

Sponsored by the City of Ryde as an initiative of the Status of Women Advisory Committee, the theme focuses on improving the economic, social and political lives of women of the future by enhancing the choices for the girls of today.

The Council’s Manager Community and Culture, Baharak Sahebekhtiari said: “Just as this worldwide event celebrates women’s contribution to society, our exhibition will provide local artists with a unique opportunity to showcase their creativity and vision for women, through painting, sculpture, photography and multi-media.”

‘Connecting Girls, Inspiring Futures’ is open to all artists (living, working or studying in the Ryde local government area), with women and girls particularly encouraged to submit works. Entries close Friday 2 March.

Prizes totalling \$1,000 worth of art supply vouchers will be awarded in the Open category and Student (High Schools & TAFE) category.

For full details and to download an entry form, go to [www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/iwdart](http://www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/iwdart)

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