

## How to design a poster

Remember that...

- A poster is a visual presentation of information - don't fill it with too much text.
- It should be easily understandable to the reader.
- You are trying to catch someone's attention and so consider using images and different colours.

## The basics

You have the choice to either design your poster by hand or use a computer. If using a computer, you could use Powerpoint or Word software. Whichever option you choose, it's a good idea to plan your poster on paper first.

In **Powerpoint**, create your poster as a single slide. Change the page size to what you require (Design --> Page Set Up). It might help to add Gridlines to the slide (View --> tick Gridlines) as this will help you position the text boxes etc.

In **Word**, create your poster as a single A4 page (you can print it out larger if you wish). You can also add Gridlines (View --> tick Gridlines).

### TIP!

**In both applications, you can insert pictures, shapes and smart art by using the Insert menu.**

Table 1: Page sizes

	Height (cm)	Width (cm)
A0	118.9	84.1
A1	84.1	59.4
A2	59.4	42.0
A3	42.0	29.7
A4	29.7	21.0
A5	21.0	14.8



As with anything you do on a computer, always save regularly and keep back-ups!

SUPI Poster competition - Year 9 and 10

\*Please note that your teacher will have informed you if you are eligible to enter this competition\*

**\*\*\*\*\*Poster theme 1: What is it like to be a migrant in 2015?\*\*\*\*\***

You could focus on what it's like to be a migrant in your local area or more generally. Some things to consider:

- What is migration?
- Are there different type of migration - and migrants?
- You could compare different types of migration or just focus on one type.
- You could focus on one particular country or geographical area or look at Europe broadly.
- Are there recent news stories about migration that you think are important to include?

**Useful websites**

Check the BBC's webpages on migration:

[http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/gcsebitesize/geography/migration/migration\\_trends\\_rev1.shtml](http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/gcsebitesize/geography/migration/migration_trends_rev1.shtml)

Find out what young people (aged 16 years old) think about migration. Do their attitudes help explain what it might be like to be a migrant in NI?

<http://www.ark.ac.uk/ylt/results/yltmineth.html>

Hear about the experiences of migrants in NI in the “Belonging Project”

<http://www.thebelongingproject.org/>

**\*\*\*\*\*Poster theme 2: What does it mean to be European?\*\*\*\*\***

Some things to consider when designing your poster:

- What do we mean by Europe and the European Union?
- Has Europe changed?
- How does being members of the European Union affect our daily lives?
- Are there recent news stories about Europe that you could include?

**Useful websites**

Europe in a nutshell [http://europa.eu/teachers-corner/pdf/europe\\_nutshell\\_en.pdf](http://europa.eu/teachers-corner/pdf/europe_nutshell_en.pdf)

Find out about the geography of Europe [http://europa.eu/about-eu/countries/index\\_en.htm](http://europa.eu/about-eu/countries/index_en.htm)