

TALENTED artists and budding graphic designers are being called to unleash their talent in a new logo competition.

The contest is being launched by the Pan Dorset Autistic Spectrum Condition Partnership Board, a new initiative comprising of organisations across Dorset working together to improve many aspects of life for people with Autistic Spectrum Conditions (ASC), including Aspergers Syndrome.

A £20.00 prize is up for grabs for the best design.

Allyson Evans, who works at Dorset County Council, said:

“About 6000 people in Dorset have Autism or Aspergers Syndrome. The Partnership Board works to raise awareness of the condition and make sure that the people affected are involved in decisions that concern them.

“The Board is made up of representatives from NHS Dorset, local authorities, voluntary organisations and adults with ASC and family carers, who work in partnership to improve services for people with Autism or Aspergers syndrome. This includes advice and assistance with regard to housing, jobs and care services, and generally ensuring that across Dorset, services are good and accessible for all.

“We are looking for a powerful yet easily reproduced logo to use in a range of publications and visual displays that will help raise awareness to give people with Autistic Spectrum Conditions a stronger voice across the county.”

The competition is open to all residents across Dorset and the Partnership Board will choose the best design in May, when the prize will be awarded to the winner.

Designs should be sent in as JPEG or PNG files and the original should be about A4 size. The logo will be used in a much smaller size as well, so it also needs to look good when it is about 2 cm square. Please make sure the logo also looks good when used as two colour black/white as well.

Email your design to **allyson.evans@dorsetcc.gov.uk**

Closing dates for the competition is 30 April 2012.

If you need any further inspiration, have a look at the logo for The Learning Disability Partnership Board at

http://dorset.ldpb.info/data/file/Annual%20Report%202010-11%20First%20Section%20FINAL_07.pdf