

Freedom of the City

A creative consultation with young people for the Cork City Development Plan

STREETWISE workshop

Re-design your local street as you'd like to see it. In this stop motion and collage workshop, students will consider what improvements they would make to their locale. They'll learn digital and practical approaches that will help shape their ideas into something that is easily shared. Why not have a say in what your street looks like and design a fun environment for yourself, your friends and other young people.

Artists: CLAIRE COUGHLAN + HELEN O'KEEFFE

Suggested ages: 12-16 years

Questions to consider:

*How could the streets be better for everyone, including people who find it hard to get around?
What do you think are the biggest problems for young people living in Cork; what stops you from being happy in the city when you go outside?
Where do you see a possibility for change / improvements in Cork City or your local area?
How could Cork City be a better place to live? A happy place to live, a fun place to live?
How could Cork City be a better place for everyone who might like to live there?*

What you'll need: Paper; pencil; markers; old newspapers + magazines; scissors; glue; coloured paper;

Steps: Follow the video tutorial and our step by step guide. These activities can be delivered over a series of classes and you can think of each step as the start of a new lesson. They can be combined to create one large project or treated as individual projects that explore different themes related to a city.

Step 1 – I am.....

Students can do this activity in groups or on their own. They'll need a sheet of A3/A2 paper and a pencil and markers. This activity will help students to start thinking about what they'd like for their city.

Step 2 – Collage

Use old magazines/newspapers and explore the approaches that Claire and Helen demonstrate. Collage is a great medium for helping to generate and communicate ideas. Combine found words and images with your own writing and drawing. *If planning to animate your collage (Step 3) don't stick anything down until it is recorded*

Step 3 – Animation

Use the free programme stop motion studio to animate your collage. You'll need a phone or tablet to do this.

Step 4 – Digital collage

You'll need a phone or tablet and access to the internet to undertake this activity. The free software programme is called Pixlr. Helen and Claire give clear and easy to follow instructions to allow students to reimagine a space within the city using google maps and found images.

Contact education@glucksman.org for more information, tips and support
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