

Adapting AccessArt: Stories and Faces

By Sarah Longley

This resource documents a project facilitated by artist educator Sarah Longley, working in collaboration with a primary school and a daycare centre in Scotland. Sarah talks about how she was inspired by the [Exploring Identity](#) pathway to deliver a project that sought to produce vibrant portraits inspired by the stories of participants.

In this project, children interviewed elderly people from a daycare centre and produced portraits inspired by their stories. Sarah explains how she facilitated this project by navigating funding, building community relations and celebrating important social history through portraiture.

This project took place over several weeks, with three sessions to prepare children for the visit to the daycare centre and three sessions to complete the portraits. Sarah also details how she managed to get the whole school involved in the project, which resulted in two wonderful exhibitions, a book and a film.

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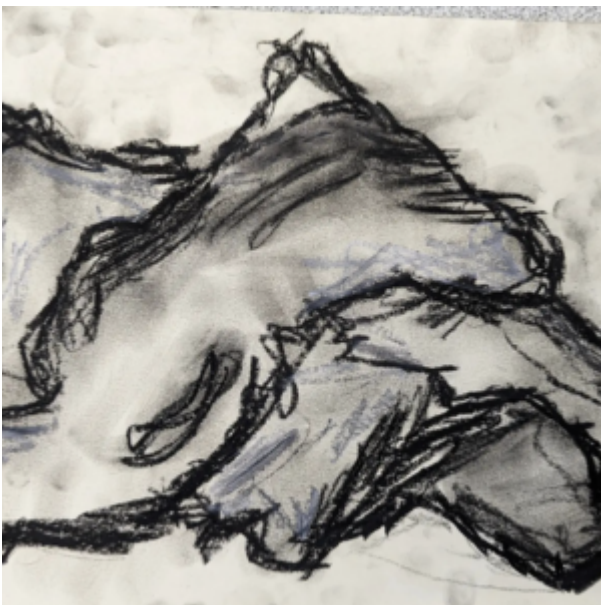
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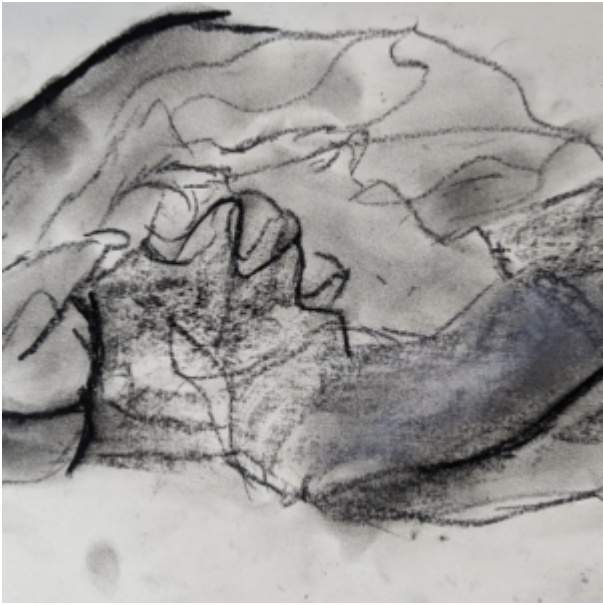
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'This resource really demonstrates how art can successfully bring awareness to important humanitarian issues, promote inclusivity and can give a platform to those who otherwise wouldn't be heard. The links between text, photos and drawings are really strong and demonstrate the creative process used by Olivier from start to finish. I really like the inclusion of suggestions for students within the post, which encourage students to learn more about their community and to understand the experience of being displaced. This in turn will hopefully inspire the next generation to be part of an inclusive and empathetic society.' – Tobi, AccessArt

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“This activity walks through a number of different processes and taps into multiple skills. This provides a rich exploratory project for children to fully immerse themselves in. Cezanne was the focus artist for this project, but other contemporary still life painters could be used as starter inspiration. We actually advocate showing the work of more than one artist as this builds

knowledge of how approaches to painting, drawing etc differ. This also helps children move towards a personal response rather than creating a 'copy' of one particular artist's work" – Rachel, AccessArt

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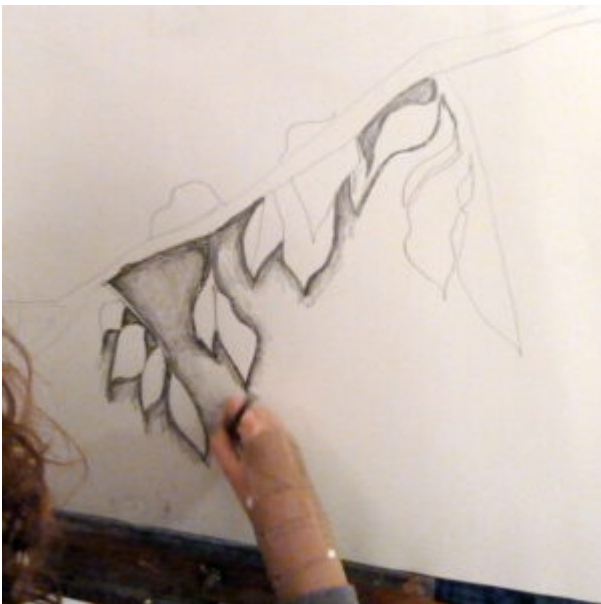
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“It’s always so inspiring to hear how different artists work and we particularly like the detailed references Jake makes to his process – marking out the composition using neutral tones; adding and taking away compositional elements and gradually building in more colour and detail. Delivering a still life session in a classroom could begin with this process and encourage the practice of looking at positive and negative space. Some suggested resources below also touch on this”. – Rachel,

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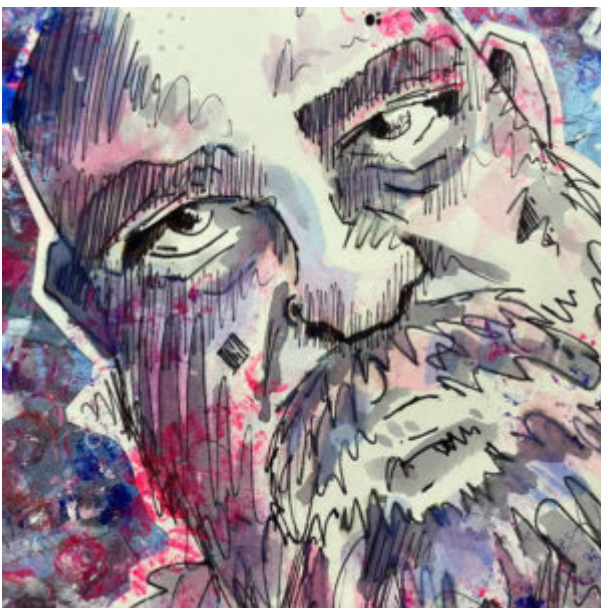
"We're really grateful to Jake from Draw Brighton for sharing this activity which became so well received during lockdown 2020.

This is the perfect reminder that wherever we are in the digital or physical world, we have our eyes, hands and faces, and drawing provides a wonderful opportunity to come together in small

groups to make sketches of each other. Use this activity as an ice breaker before a workshop, or as a transition activity between classes or events. Thank you Jake!" *Paula, AccessArt*

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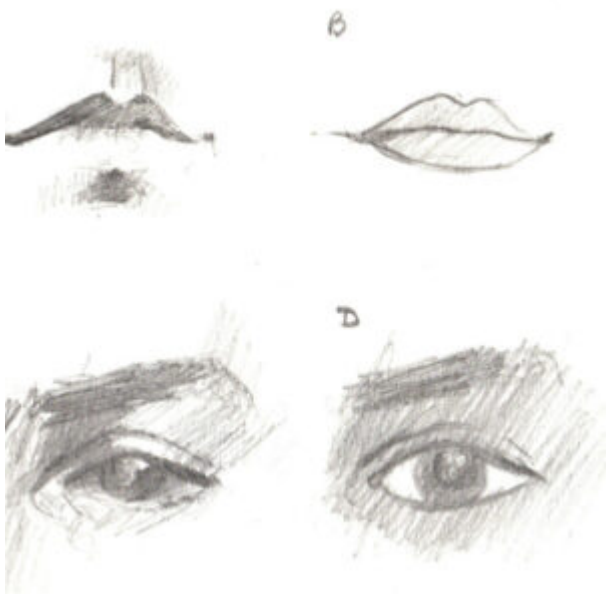
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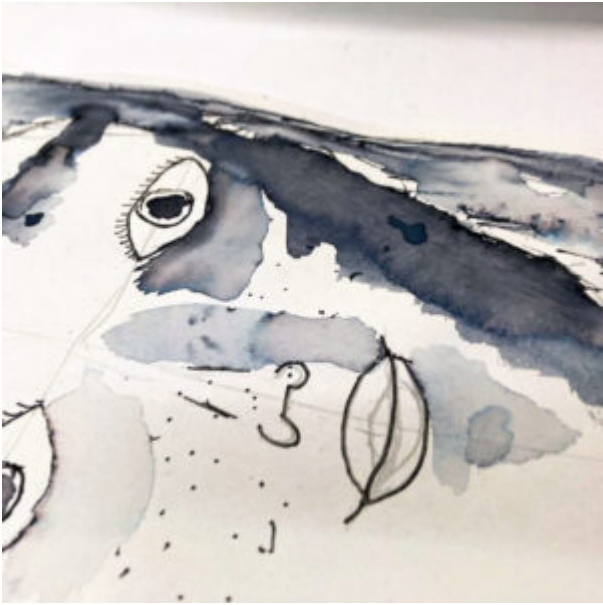
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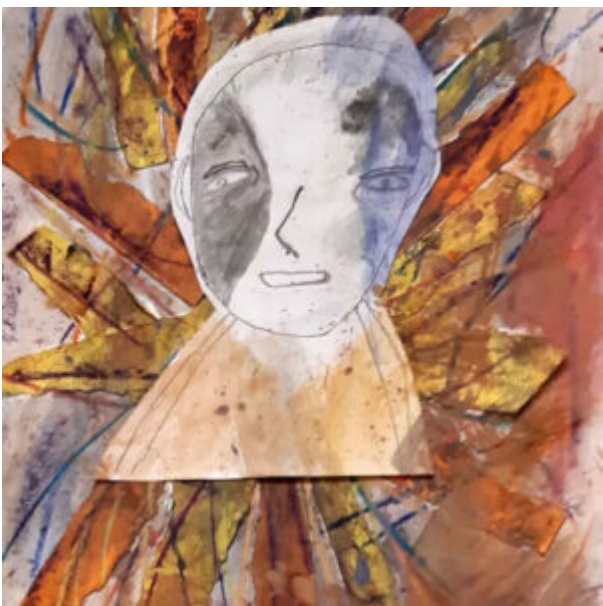
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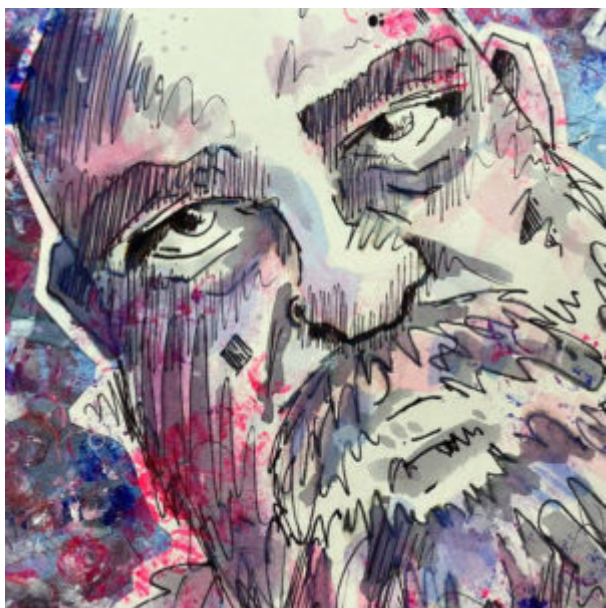
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