

Altogether Art Project

"Connecting generations through art"

The past 8 months have been hard for a lot of people, however it's been especially hard for those who are older in society, who have been more restricted from seeing their loved ones during the pandemic. This epidemic of loneliness is not just restricted to the elderly but also will have affected many students within the College. Therefore, we are aiming to cultivate a feeling of connection between the students and older members of the Leeds community through our proposed 'Altogether Art Project'.

It is a chance for students and older members of the Leeds community to bond together through contributing to one piece of art. Art itself can be a therapeutic method for many to help deal with any stress or sadness so giving the opportunity to feel like they are contributing to a wider cause can help combat this further.

The plan for the project is to collaborate with both the students and a group of older people who have been isolated during the pandemic to create different, brightly coloured flower designs, with some written notes of what the project means to them. Our in-house artist Kelly has designed some templates for the flowers, which each participant can then decorate. These will then be sent back to our team to be scanned and presented on a canvas as a garden, connecting the flowers together.

We are hoping for the garden to be presented on a canvas to be presented to the older participants to remind them of the connection they've formed. We also have been speaking to buildings in Leeds city centre about the possibility of turning the flowers into a vinyl to be displayed there.

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