

THE 2021<sup>®</sup>  
BIG  
DRAW  
FESTIVAL



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Museum of Art and Culture  
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## WHAT IS THE BIG DRAW FESTIVAL?

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**A worldwide celebration of drawing! It promotes the universal language of drawing as a tool for learning, expression, and invention.**

**This year the theme is: *Make the Change.***

### TEACHERS' NOTES

#### **This Project:**

*You can make your own 'Paper People' using the template provided, and write your own personal pledge for a simple environmental or social change on the back of each paper person. Draw a self-portrait in the middle and friends or family on either side.*

*The paper people will go towards an art installation at Museum of Art and Culture in November/December.*

#### **Project aims:**

*Engage your school community in a discussion about environmental and/or social change. Encourage everyone to commit to making one positive change in their daily lives to help protect the planet and strengthen our community.*

#### **Project Outcome:**

*We strive for a statement of positive change as well as a creative display of community spirit. The joined 'Paper People' chain will go on display at Museum of Art and Culture in November/December with members of the community invited to add to the installation.*

*This schools and community project will be documented with the photos you send us, and photos of the installation. These will go on display later in the year.*

#### **How your school can get involved**

- Order a class pack of 'Paper People' printed on heavy recycled paper.
- Send your finished paper people to us by end of November.
- Ph: 4921 0400 or [actoutreach@lakemac.nsw.gov.au](mailto:actoutreach@lakemac.nsw.gov.au) or Download the template.

*Creating your Kindness Pledge: Lead a class discussion about positive change for people and the environment.*

*As a class brain storm "A statement of positive change" and come up with a list of examples of simple pledges that students can make to create positive change in the world.*

#### **Sample discussion Questions:**

**What simple change could help the planet?**

**What simple change could you make to help a person you know?**

**What simple change could help the wider community?**

*Show examples to the class.*

#### **Making Instructions:**

*Each person creates 3 paper people: a self-portrait in the middle and a family member or friend on each side, then write your kindness pledge on the back of your self-portrait.*

*Cut out, fold and DROP OFF or POST your Paper People chains to any Lake Macquarie City Council Library or MAC when re-opened.*

#### **School based extensions:**

- Download the template, print on recycled paper and create your own in school display of paper chain of people.
- Send photos to us and/or Share: **#lakemacbigdraw**
- Take part in another community art project like: One Million Stars to End Violence project.

## Cross-curriculum learning opportunities:

- Civics and citizenship
- Sustainability
- Difference and diversity
- Creative arts

## Learning Outcomes opportunities:

- make and appreciate art.
- explore how actions to improve sustainability are both an individual and shared responsibility.
- ethical understanding relates to students building a strong personal and social perspective and an awareness of the influence that their values and behaviour have on others.
- students develop an appreciation of the value of working individually and collaboratively
- enables students to engage, actively contribute and advocate in their communities, workplaces and other pathways beyond school.

## Due date: end of November

Send in digital photos of your students/class/school creating to Anna Scobie, Public Programs Officer: [ascobie@lakemac.nsw.gov.au](mailto:ascobie@lakemac.nsw.gov.au)

## Resources:

Enviroweek – October 21 – 27 2019, Take Action. See Your Impact. Celebrate and showcase your action during Enviroweek 2018.

FIGHT FOR PLANET A: Our climate change challenge - Geography, Science (4,5,6,7,8,9,10) ([abc.net.au](http://abc.net.au))

Climate change | Sustainable Schools NSW

The Big Draw - The world's largest drawing festival - Interview with Brenna Quinlan

Julia Donaldson's book called The Paper Dolls:

Storytime for Kids The Paper Dolls by Julia Donaldson and illustrated by Rebecca Cobb read by LLL - YouTube

# STUDIES OF COMMUNITY ART PROJECTS:

## One Million Stars to End Violence project

### Home - One Billion Stars\*

*"Darkness cannot drive out darkness; only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate; only love can do that."*

– Rev Dr Martin Luther King Jnr.



Artist Maryann Talia Pau invited people to join her to weave one million stars. Through workshops, exhibitions, collaborations and public talks she with the help of a worldwide community effort reached one million stars, each star a symbol of hope, courage and solidarity to end ALL forms of violence, TOGETHER.

She wanted to share with others the practice of star weaving, in the hope that it might help one other person to deal with the pain of violence and to begin to find hope, joy and community connection.

In 2012, the vision was to bring people together to help weave one million woven stars to end violence. We reached that goal in 2018 and so today, our mission is to reach more people (billions more) through the gentle practice of star weaving.

Maryann Talia Pau: One Million Stars and Beyond - YouTube

**\*Teachers note:** This website does talk about a violent act and teachers should plan their website web visit before the lesson.

## The world's longest paper doll chain

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### CBBC Newsround

The world record attempt for longest paper doll chain was organised to celebrate the launch of Julia Donaldson's new book called The Paper Dolls. The chain's length of 4549.7 metres is the equivalent of 40 football pitches, almost 61 jumbo jets, or 80,000 jelly babies laid end-to-end.



### Glossary:

**INSTALLATION ART** The term installation art is used to describe large-scale, mixed-media constructions, often designed for a specific place or for a temporary period of time.

**BIG DRAW:** Big Draw is an international Drawing Festival that Lake Mac Cultural Venues take part in each year. Each year it has a guiding theme.

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