

Reaching families in need with creative packs and resources

Family Arts Campaign in partnership with the AMA
Notes and links from webinar | 13 October 2020



Further information from the Family Arts Campaign

YouTube channel for webinars: https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCr6XLDIHdTiFq8HFK_HJJPg

Local Family Arts Network information <https://www.familyarts.co.uk/networks>

Travelling light case study: <https://www.familyarts.co.uk/2020/07/travelling-light-theatre-company-supporting-its-local-community-through-creativity>

Culture Mile case study: <https://www.familyarts.co.uk/2020/07/culture-mile-play-packs-ideas-inspiration-and-materials-for-families-on-lockdown>

Advice regarding messy play

From Gary Fatcher, Programme Lead, Real Ideas Organisation

From the advice Bridges received from Elaine Burke: Individual children and young people will have their own responses to different art materials during this time. Art packs sent into homes during the COVID-19 pandemic should probably consider the mental health issues and anxieties likely to be experienced by the most severely affected, and adjust all materials provided to this baseline.

Materials which either cause mess or stick onto children's skin may be experienced by many during this time as overwhelming. Sticky, runny glue; wet paint that spills and gets on hands; 'dirty' clay; chalk pastels that spread rapidly and cover skin may cause many children and young people to feel distressed and out of control.

I recommend substituting glue sticks for liquid glue; plasticine or other 'clean clay' for modelling or air-drying clay; crayons or other solid sticks for chalk pastels etc. The guiding principle is to use 'clean' and contained materials where possible – markers, pencils, crayons.

WHAT'S IN THE PACK?

Pack content for the 13-19 packs going out in Torbay

From Gary Fatcher, Programme Lead, Real Ideas Organisation

Below is a list of what is in each of the packs. Each is contained in a medium-large box with lid and includes:

Expressive Arts activity with ArtsLab, with opportunities to be part of Dynamic Arts group and online exhibition of creative work.

Inspirations and prompts to make new music and take part in Moor to Sea's online Ungroup music zoom group.

Creative recipes and things to make at home linked to Orchard Forest School with South West Family Values.

Information and links for youth support with Youth Genesis and Torbay Youth Trust.

Art and craft materials, paint, clay and more from Play Torbay to get creative at home.

Radio production opportunities and online masterclass with Ocean Youth Radio and some merchandise!

Support for anxiety and stress management with FunkHead as part of a supportive autumn zoom-programme.

Printmaking at home with Participate Arts, creatively exploring.

Impact Measuring

From Gary Fatcher Programme Lead, Real Ideas Organisation and Louise Hesketh, Partnership & Place Manager, Curious Minds.

we've been monitoring numbers of packs, organisations who delivered packs, types of groups who packs went to e.g. LAC, FSM etc. I think ACE are doing a report at the end

A couple of our partnerships sent out stamped postcards that children could draw on and post back. Those are still coming in. Impact is still coming in through lots of comments which individual distributors are sending to us. We may see some later too when / if families visit the cultural organisations who shared activities

as Louise said we've been monitoring pack numbers, partners, additional funding and seeking qualitative feedback but it has been light touch which has been the key thing

Examples of work + resources mentioned in the webinar

Who	What	Description	Link
Independent Arts	Workshop videos	Examples of workshops for families to take part in at home	https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCMUBoNJFwJy4_s2xXEgLCa/videos
Starcatchers	Wee Inspirations	Creative play packs and creative ideas for little ones at home	https://www.starcatchers.org.uk/wee-inspirations
Comics Youth	Zine's	Zine's for young people	https://comicsyouth.co.uk Store: https://comicsyouth.bigcartel.com
National Galleries of Scotland	PDF activities, packs, submissions	The packs included all craft materials (glue sticks, scissors, paper, water colour set, flour and salt for salt dough, wooden boards etc) They've been encouraging folk to submit stories to form part of this new exhibition	https://www.nationalgalleries.org/art-and-artists/features/you-are-here-home-holiday-activities https://www.nationalgalleries.org/art-and-artists/features/home-where-art-creative-curriculum-kids https://www.nationalgalleries.org/exhibition/you-are-here-2020-stories-portraits-visions
Culture Mile	Play Packs	Distribution of packs to families	https://www.culturemile.london/playpacks

Autograph ABP	Packs and Activity Sheets	Packs for families with children with SEND, designed by artist Katriona Beales and more information and the PDF downloads activity sheets	https://autograph.org.uk/blog/care-in-the-post https://autograph.org.uk/blog/family-art-activity-worksheets
Babbling Vagabonds	Creative downloadable PDF and audio story.	Downloadable PDF that anyone can use and send out - click on Here Be Dragons icon. And a free audio story that links to a creative downloadable PDF - under the Here Be Dragons icon.	http://babblingvagabonds.co.uk
Firstsite	Packs	Artist activity pack	https://firstsite.uk/download-artist-activity-pack
Play Scotland	Packs	Home play packs	https://www.playscotland.org/play-scotland-home-play-pack
Lancaster + Morecambe LCEP	Digital packs	Digital pack from Lancaster + Morecambe LCEP (you'll need to scroll down a bit)	http://www.lancashireyouthchallenge.co.uk/home-page/our-place-in-the-world
MAC Birmingham	Musical packs	MAC have designed and printed a series of musical activities and postcards and turned them in to activity packs. If anyone works with vulnerable families, MAC would be happy to post some of the postcards and activities to you (for free) if you were interested in turning them in to activity packs.	https://macbirmingham.co.uk/news/2020/08/20/hidden-voices-musical-activity-packs https://macbirmingham.co.uk/news/2020/08/20/mac-makes-music-free-
Arts Council England	Let's Create booklets	The Lets Create booklets are on the ACE website. Each area chose its own materials.	https://www.artscouncil.org.uk/toolkits/lets-create-packs-social-toolkit#section-1
Friend In Deed	Activities	Friend In Deed in Norfolk work with care homes and little visitors (who can no longer visit), setting up small individual activities (rather than packs).	https://twitter.com/FriendInDeed
Dundee Contemporary Arts	Covid-19 projects	Art at the start for Covid times, plus Say Hello With Art	https://www.dca.org.uk/stories/article/adapting-art-at-the-start https://www.dca.org.uk/stories/article/say-hello-with-art
East Riding		East Riding have been continuing their Creative Families Award (a precursor to Arts Award but for under fives)	https://www.eastriding.gov.uk/say/news/?entry=5f50c1791b52fc3cf864f224
Museum of London		Museum of London developed Creative & Connected Packs for people living with dementia	https://www.museumoflondon.org.uk/memories/creative-connected/august-2020

Bridge Organisations		England wide bridge organisations	https://www.artscouncil.org.uk/children-and-young-people/bridge-organisations
Tate Collective Producers	Packs	Activity packs for young people	https://ypas.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/06/Tate-YP-activity-pack-final-LT.pdf
Real Ideas	Schools survey	Learning from home - which creative activities worked best from home and what will 2020/21 look like? Findings from Bridge England Network's National Schools Survey	https://bridge.realideas.org/2020/08/17/national-school-survey-results
Naomi Korn	Consultancy	Copyright, data protection and licensing experts.	https://naomikorn.com
Culture Cop OP Lancs	Digital packs	Digital version of Lancashire's Let's Create pack	https://twitter.com/Culturecop/status/1309152985457594368?s=20
Tudor Trust	Funder	Tudor makes grants, and provides other types of support, to voluntary and community groups working in any part of the UK.	https://tudortrust.org.uk/what-we-do
Arts Award	Arts Award from Home	A special version of Arts Award Discover in response to the Coronavirus outbreak.	https://learn.artsaward.org.uk/discover-at-home
Rumpus Room, Glasgow	Creative activities	Rumpus Room is a collaborative practice between artists and producers that focuses on meaningful engagement with children and young people	https://www.instagram.com/explore/locations/109503590407920/rumpus-room