



Peace Mural DIY Project

Civic Circle Area: Voice

The impact of COVID-19 continues to change our daily lives and routines, but volunteering and civic engagement are just as important as ever. This project can be modified to adhere to social distancing guidelines set by local and national authorities, to do virtually or to do at home and deliver via mail or drop off.

Work with your community to create a community peace mural project to create a dialogue and shared experience for students and more to reflect on what peace and kindness mean in your town or what it should look like!

Pre-Project Discussion:

- What does peace look like to you?
- Do you know of any famous people who inspired peace and kindness?
- How cohesive is your community?
- How well do people get along?

What You Need:

- A space to create your mural
- Paint, paint brushes
- Paper, colored pencils, pens, markers
- Posters, hand-outs
- Participants!

Steps:

1. Find a space where you can create a mural in your community. This can be a school yard, community center or even a local business. Be sure to get permission!
2. Create posters and hand-outs to encourage people from all different parts of your community to come together for a discussion about the mural. Post your outreach materials in schools across town, local parks and playgrounds, places of worship and businesses. Be sure to include time, date and location.
3. Reach out to local high schools, colleges or other institutions who have artists available that could help create the final mural.
4. Host an event with members of your community to discuss ideas for the mural. Consider asking the following questions:
 - What do peace and kindness mean?
 - How can we increase peace and kindness?
 - Who are some famous figures that represent peace and kindness? What similarities do they share?
5. Pass out colored pencils, markers, pens and paper to everyone.



6. After the discussion, ask participants to draw pictures that will help form the basis for the mural. You might want to ask them to draw something they think is special about their community, what peace looks like to them or what inspires them to be kind. Have a couple examples of what this looks like ready to share.
7. Collect all of the pictures from adults and children and place them where everyone is able to view them.
8. This is a great time to talk about the diversity of responses and collectively decide on which drawings you will use for your mural.
9. Ask for volunteers who would be willing to come back and help paint once the initial outline is complete.
10. Send the pictures to the artist for use in creating the mural outline.
11. Update everyone through emails with the artists' final proposal for the mural and ask everyone to sign up to help paint.