



The journey of BayCreate

October, November,
December 2021 –
completing our first
two community
artworks with Artists
Sofia Fox Barton and
Jason Eason.



Nature inspired shapes

The wonderful Wednesday art group created coastal and nature inspired shapes for the community mandala and made a natural mandala using fallen leaves and twigs outside in the Big Local garden



- Wonderful Wednesday art group making collages to express themselves and what means a lot to them. 13th October 2021.





- The BASE Thursday 14th October 2021. This week the group talked about how they can better connect with the BayCreate group at Big Local and they decided to ask them to use their pronouns when they introduce themselves to make sure that everyone feels comfortable with what gender they are being addressed as.

The thing I liked most about today is...'

"Meeting and chatting to new people".

"Meeting new people"

"that I was able to forage for the project and the picture of Luna"

"Being together"

20th October 2021



'Today has made me think about...'

"Love, fun, learning, kindness"

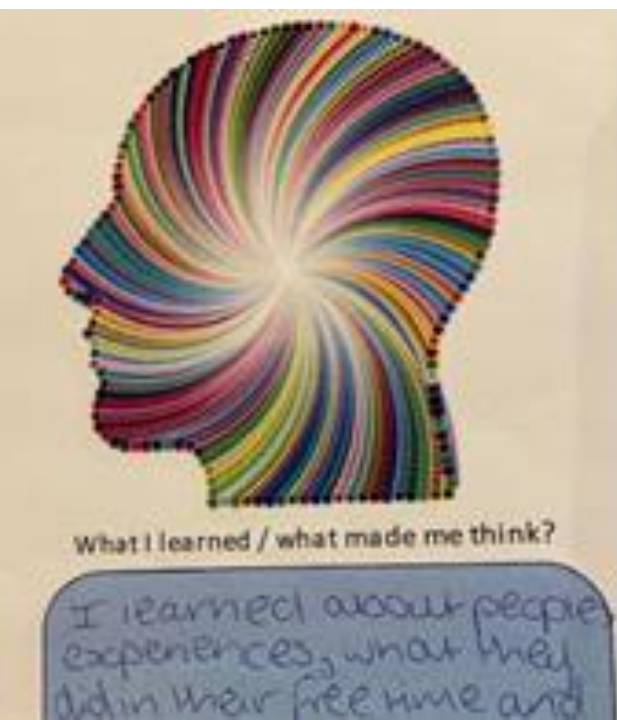
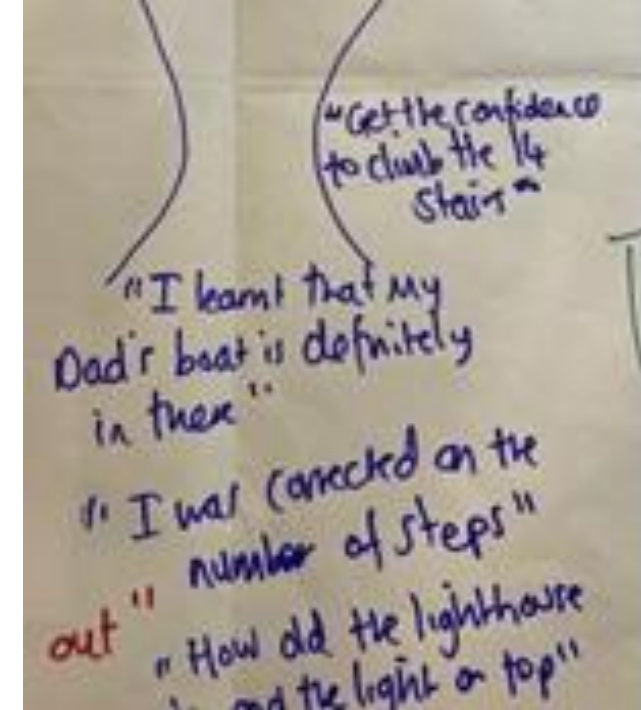
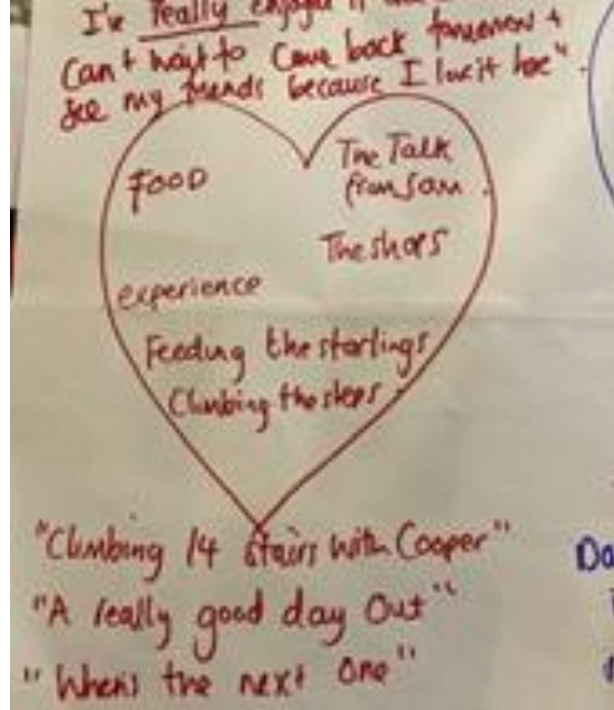
"Luna, the big local cat and how much we all loved her and will miss her"

"I like coming here because where we are there is nothing to do"

"There is a good community feel, lots of things going on"

21st October
The group honed
their placement
skills by making
shape collages and
also created
themed shapes for
their mandala.





What I learned / what made me think?

I learned about people experiences, what they did in their free time and



St Marys Lighthouse Trip 27th October 2021.

- The BayCreate participants went on a trip to the local lighthouse – inspired by one participant's wish to see a model boat that their Father had made which was displayed in the visitor center. Highlights included climbing the spiral staircase, seeing seals and birds and eating Mr. Whippy ice-cream!

Slide 7: Wednesday 27th October 2021.



I enjoyed climbing up the lighthouse and laughing with everyone because everyone was in the same boat having fun.

Climbed 137 steps to the top of St Mary's lighthouse and had an ice cream afterwards.

I was really proud of everyone for climbing up the spiral staircase - especially Alex for crawling up on his hands and knees!

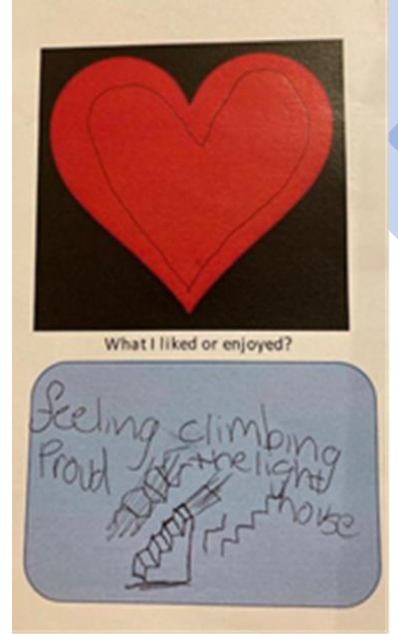
Got clothes-lined by some halloween decorations on the stairs + almost died and...

I saw the most beautiful views from the top of the lighthouse; seals, birds, and was surrounded by amazing company.

enjoyed going up the stairs in the lighthouse and counting them (137 steps)

Went inside the lighthouse and went upstairs.

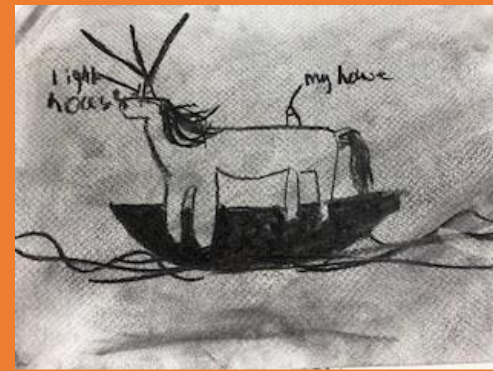
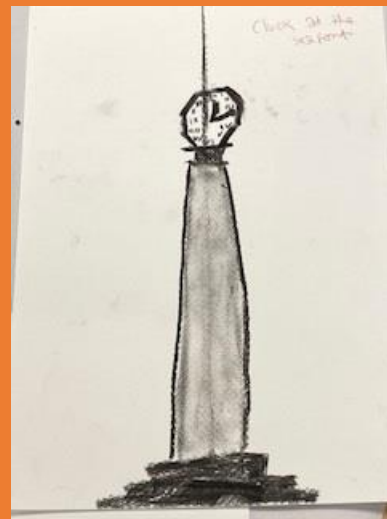
I was proud of climbing



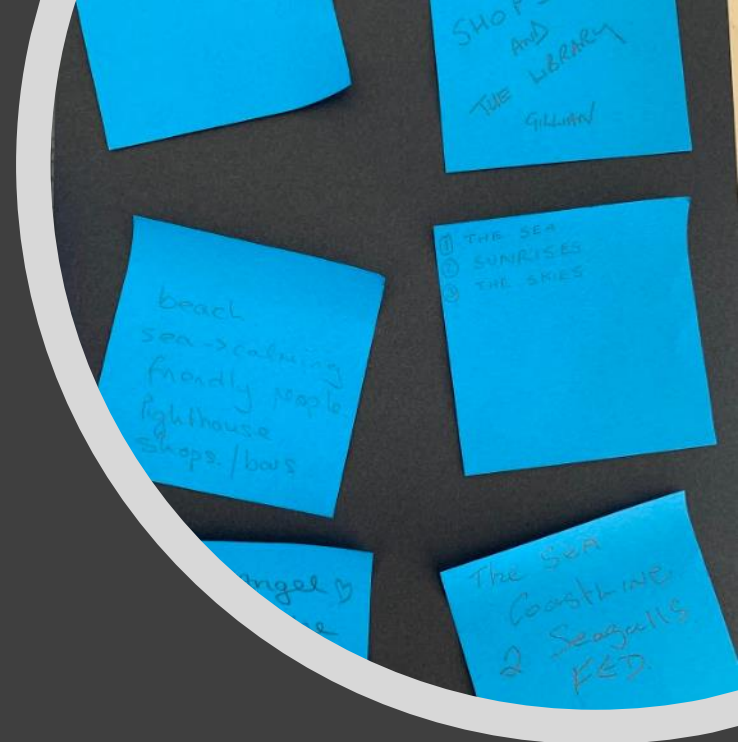
Wednesday 3rd
November Whitley
Bay Big Local.

Following on from our trip to the lighthouse last week, the group explored seabirds and decorated templates of local species. They talked about bird sightings and a group of starlings eating their ice-cream on the trip!





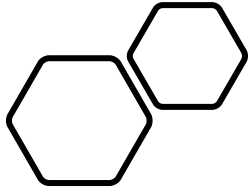
Slide 10: Thursday 4th November at The BASE. The group explored using charcoal to create pictures that will form the background for their collages. They helped each other to create images based on what is important to them.



Wednesday 10th November-

the group decorated coastally inspired shapes for the mandala and talked about what is important to them in their local area, such as feeding the seagulls, the calming sea and friendly people. Local amenities such as the shops and library were also meaningful.





Thursday 11th November
@The BASE

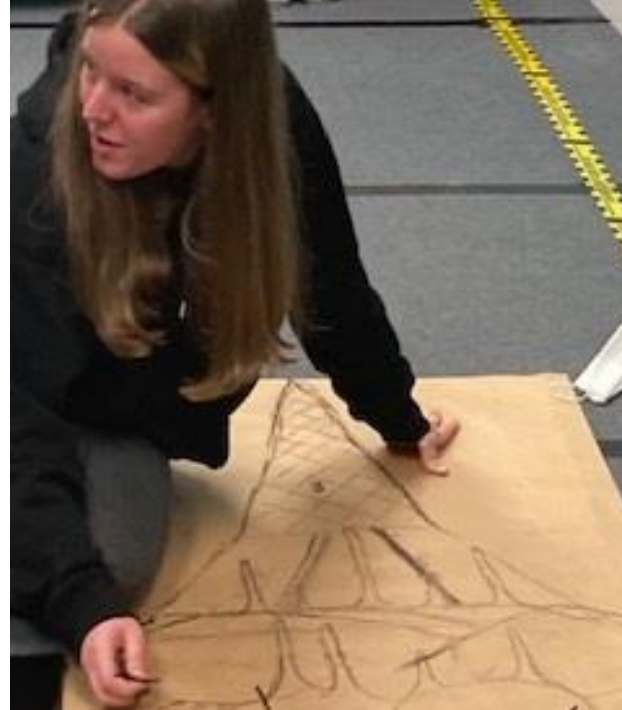
- The group started preparing the boards for their collage using white emulsion.
- They also decorated bespoke mermaid and Christmas images created by artist Sofia Barton.





Wonderful Wednesday Group 17th November.

- The group had a zoom with project worker Helen who was isolating at home. For some participants it was their first experience of zoom.



The BASE Thursday 18th November –
sketching shapes for the collages,
Working together to generate and
actualise the ideas.

Slide 14: Thursday 18th November 2021.



Marden Bridge Middle School Art Club: Four outreach art sessions were facilitated by Jason Eason and Sofia Barton. 27 art club members took part in activities including charcoal drawing, collage and creating their own mandalas.

Slide 15: Wednesday 3rd, 10th, 17th and 24th November 2021.



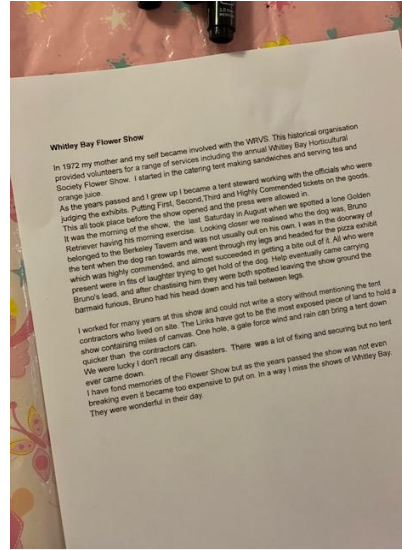
24th November at Whitley Bay Big Local- the group constructed their mandala using artwork created over the past few months.. They discussed their views about how it should look.

25th November at The BASE – The group were painting the boards for their collage work to be displayed on.





A practice mandala, contributed to by both the Wonderful Wednesday and BASE group on a Thursday.



1st December Wonderful Wednesday group shared a story about the local flower show from one of the participants in the BASE group and then decorated flowers to compliment the story



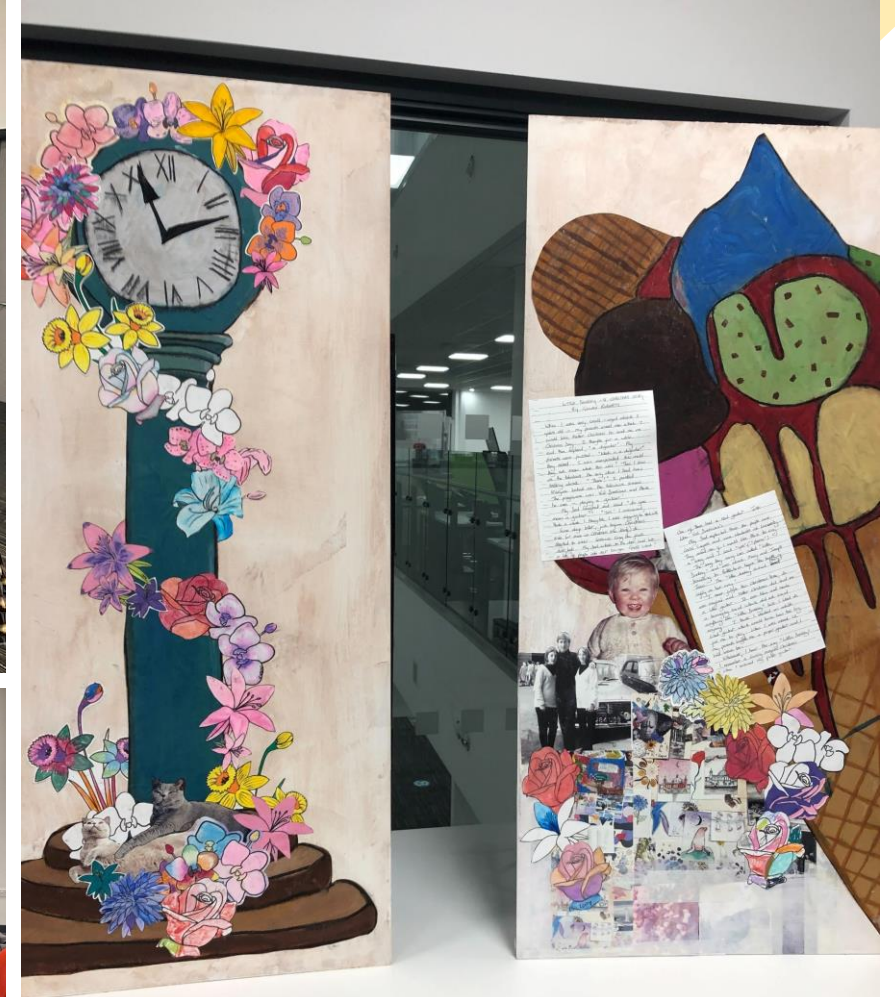
Thursday 2nd December The BASE group painted the collage backgrounds and worked on stories and contributions for the final piece.





8th December - Wonderful Wednesdays @Whitley Bay Big Local – the group spent time curating their flower and photo mandala work

Launch of the BayCreate exhibition at Whitley Bay Library.



Slide 22: Monday 13th December 2021.

This event was well attended by people of all ages who have been involved at different stages of the project throughout the year. We celebrated their creativity and contribution by awarding certificates and had fun decorating Christmas cards and exploring the exhibition.



Our community artists Jason Eason and Sofia Fox Barton worked hard to curate the exhibition and inspire creativity and co-creation throughout the whole process.

Slide 23: Monday 13th December 2021.



End of year celebration – wreath making, music and festive nibbles

A mixed age Christmas celebration with lots of familiar faces and one or two new people. The group made fresh festive wreaths, sang along to the live music and there was even a bit of dancing and table football! It was a great way to end the year.

Slide 24: Thursday 16th December 2021.



Slide 25: Thursday 16th December 2021.