

Take This Planet Summer Art Project 2022



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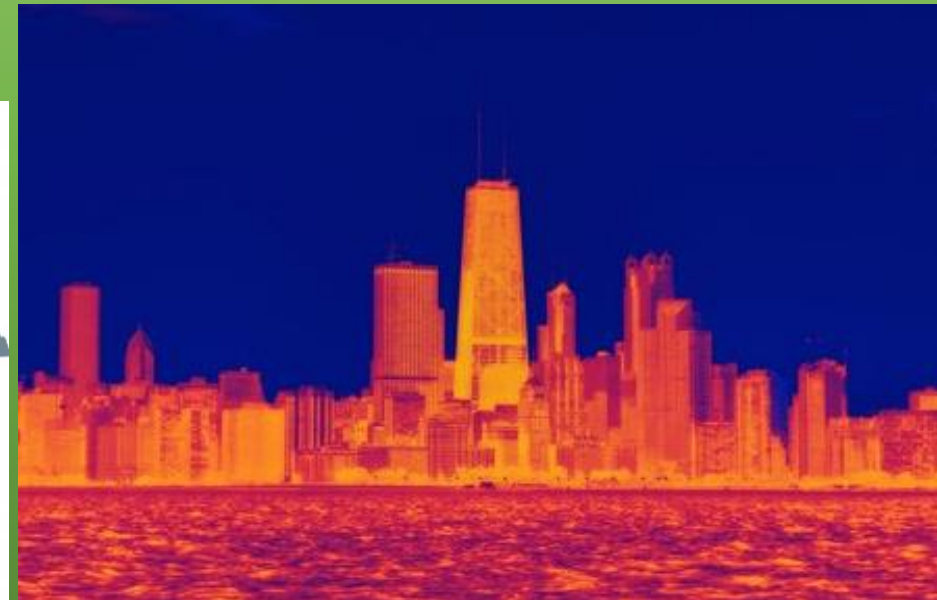
This year, with our summer exhibition, we are directly addressing the Climate Emergency.



There is substantial evidence that climate change as a result of human activity is linked to increasing frequency and intensity of extreme weather events such as flooding, heat waves, drought and storms. There is no safe level of global temperature rise, and temperatures are already 1°C above pre-industrial levels, and forecast to rise 0.2°C a decade. This evidence is, largely, uncontested. Recognition of the threat of climate change is the mainstream view in the media and by the majority of governments across the world. Yet action has been unambitious and slow.

The disconnect between words and action is what underpins the sense of a climate crisis. Within a generation, unchecked global temperature rises are forecast to lead to average UK summer temperatures in excess of 30°C, a halving of annual rainfall, and a 40% increase in extreme rainfall intensity. These kinds of changes will have overwhelming consequences for many residents and indeed for many pupils of Lewisham schools.

It is predicted that Lewisham will experience high temperatures exacerbated due to the urban-heat island effect, with flooding in many parts of the borough also a key issue.



However as a London Borough with a significant number of the population hailing from other parts of the globe, family ties will highlight the impacts of climate change around the world, not just locally. This will be felt in schools as elsewhere.

This kind of threat requires **an urgent** response from all sectors of society, including locally. Who better to respond than the children of Kilmore?!



Via our summer Take This Planet Project we aim to empower Kilmorie children with the knowledge of the climate crisis, the effects that this will have within our own community and how our actions can shape the future.

The Art focus of our project is on plants. We will be considering the impact on the plants in our environment in light of the changing climate and what we can do to help them adapt and survive.

Ultimately, through the project, we hope to develop our children to be the Eco Warriors our community and planet needs to lead us into a brighter, safer future.



We want our children to learn about:

- ***the plants in the playground and where they come from – are they indigenous or have they migrated from other parts of world, if so, how and why?***
- ***studying plants closely with magnifying glasses and microscopes***
- ***making close observational drawing, paintings, prints etc.***
- ***different artists both historical and contemporary for whom plants and nature has been a focus***
- ***plant lifecycles and current growing needs***
- ***how plants in other parts of the world are different as they are adapted to different living and growing conditions***

- *how the plants in our playground will adapt and change as climate changes*
- *planet friendly gardening and the benefits of nature to both mental and physical health*
- *the small and larger scale decisions their families can make to reduce their impact on the planet*
- *the importance of plants with regards to food, habitats and wellbeing*
- *food waste, air miles and reducing consumption*
- *how reducing waste by buying less should be our primary focus rather than recycling*
- *how to have climate conversations with friends, neighbours and family*

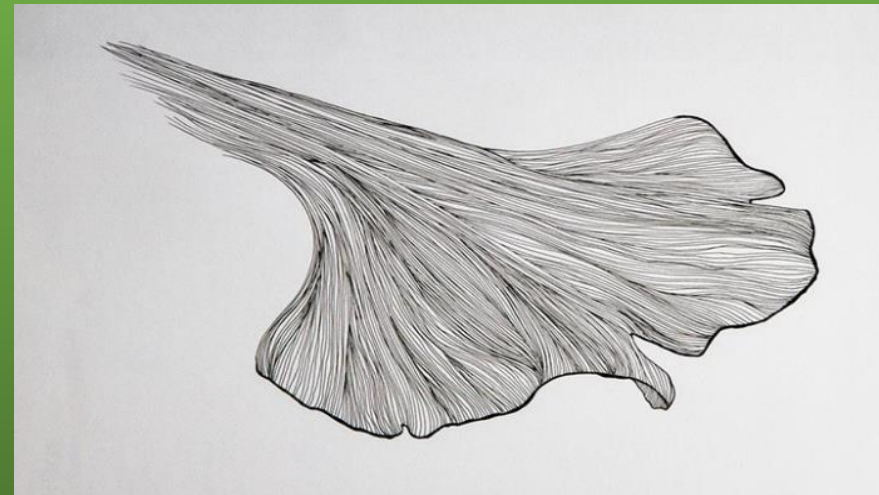
- *learning about, meeting and discussing art and nature with two local artists – Angela Wright and Lucy Ribeiro*
- *working with them to create large (and small) scale sculptures of plants to be erected in the school grounds from found materials*
- *observing the effect of weather on the sculptures as we go through the year*

Let's meet our Artists

Angela Wright is an installation artist and makes work that is site-specific and relates to its environment. She draws on nature for inspiration. Previous work includes a woven cocoon/safe haven, made from twigs which she installed in the herb garden of Southwark Cathedral with the Shard looming above. She is also a Freelance Educator and has worked at many of the major museums and galleries in London and in schools with children of all ages.



Lucy Ribeiro is an artist who has worked for many national museums and galleries such as the National Portrait Gallery, Dulwich Picture Gallery and the RA developing and delivering schools and community projects. Lucy's work draws upon the natural world and our place within it.













Important Climate Links:

- [Lewisham's Climate Emergency Resource home page](#)
- [Lewisham Climate Conversation Guide](#)
- [Culture Declares a Climate and Ecological Emergency](#)
- [No Music On A Dead Planet](#)
- [Virtual Pledge Board](#)
- [Transform our World](#)
- [WWF](#)
- [Together for Our Planet](#)
- [Twinkl & WWF Schools Resources Pack](#) – free!
- [What does carbon neutral mean?](#)

- [BBC Bitesize](#)
- [National Geographic Kids - What is Climate Change?](#)
- [National Geographic - 26 facts](#)
- [Adapting to Climate Change - Big Change Starts Small](#)

Artists who make work about the climate crisis:

- [10 Artists Making Urgent Work about the Climate Crisis](#)
- [Sebastiao Salgado](#)

Artists who work with nature:

- [10 Famous Artists whose work is nature based](#)

Indigenous or not?

- [Common non-native trees](#)
- [Native v Naturalised](#)
- [Non-native invasive plants](#)

Environmental projects to get on board with:

- [The Big Plastic Count](#) & [digi pack for schools](#)