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DRAMA : NO BARRIERS TO LANGUAGE

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ARTISTIC EXPERIENCES ENHANCE THE WAY PEOPLE
CONNECT TO THE WORLD AND EXPRESS THEIR
FEELINGS OF LIFE AND SENSE OF HUMANITY

- **We believe art has the power to connect humanity**
- Since 2008, we creatively think and apply new ways to connect people through art in the current world and learn about each other
- Streams of action:
 - Arts Projects
 - Education
 - Consulting
 - Research

ACTIVE APPROACH



SHARED MOMENT



NON CONVENTIONAL CLASS ENVIRONMENT



INTER PERSONAL & SOCIO CULTURAL COMMUNICATION



CONFIDENCE



LINGUISTIC INTELLIGENCE



ROLE PLAYS

FAIRY/FOLK
TALES & MYTHS

MUSIC VIDEOS

POETRY

CHILDREN'S
BOOKS

PLAYS



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WORKING WITH CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE

THROUGH THE ARTS



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BEYOND DRAMA

CROSS ART-FORM

CONNECTION OF LANGUAGE AND CULTURE: STORIES

My International
Friend

VISUAL
ART

MUSIC

LA DESCARGA

THEATRE

play:ground

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MY INTERNATIONAL FRIEND – MI AMIGO INTERNACIONAL

ART-PALS PROJECT



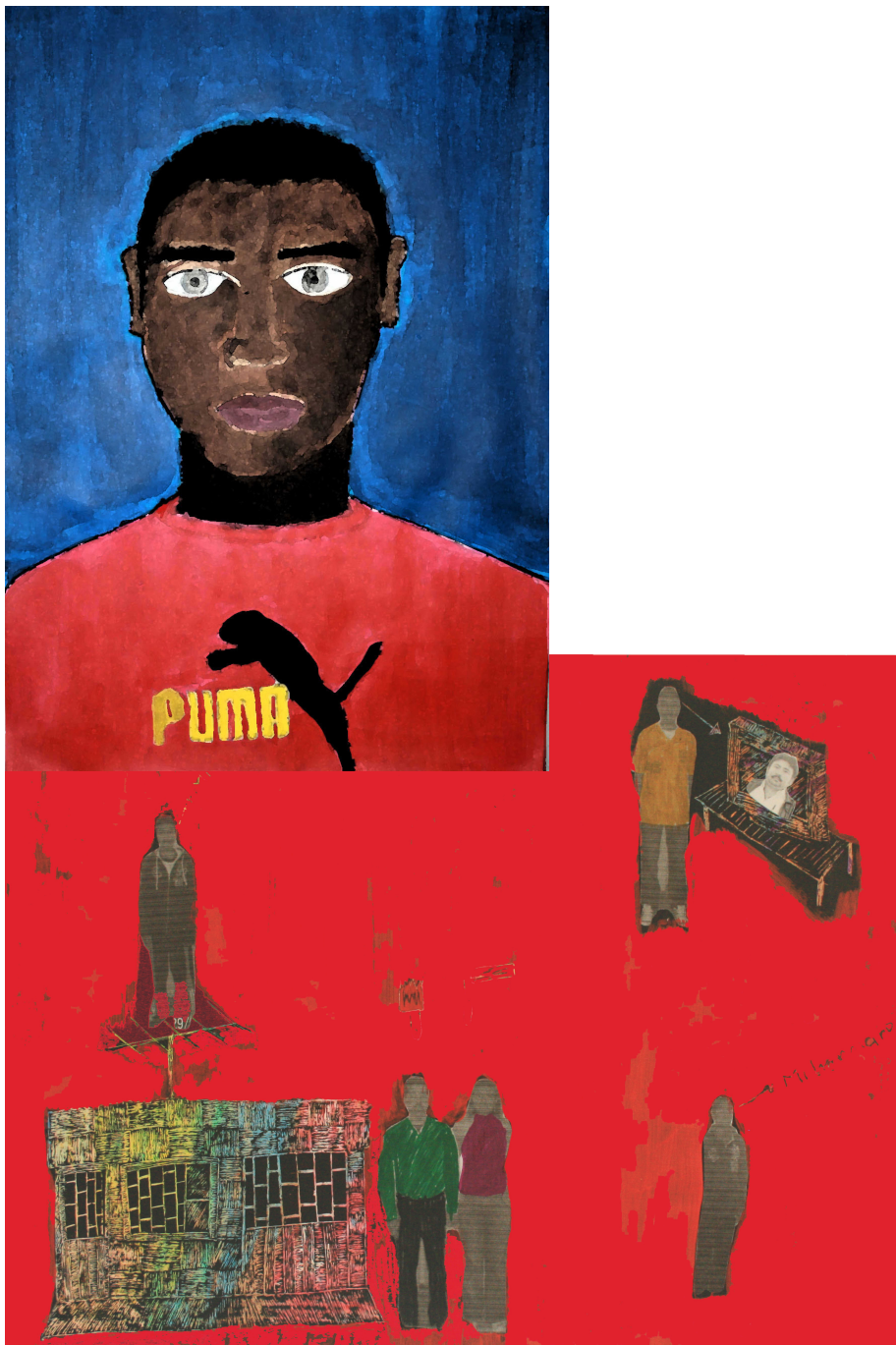
- Young people in Australia explore and exchange with a friend in another country their sense of identity, family and world through visual arts shared through the web



FROM AUSTRALIA MATILDA SHARES WITH...



JAIDER IN COLOMBIA...



HECTOR FROM COLOMBIA SHARES WITH...



HEDWIG WHO LIVES IN AUSTRALIA...



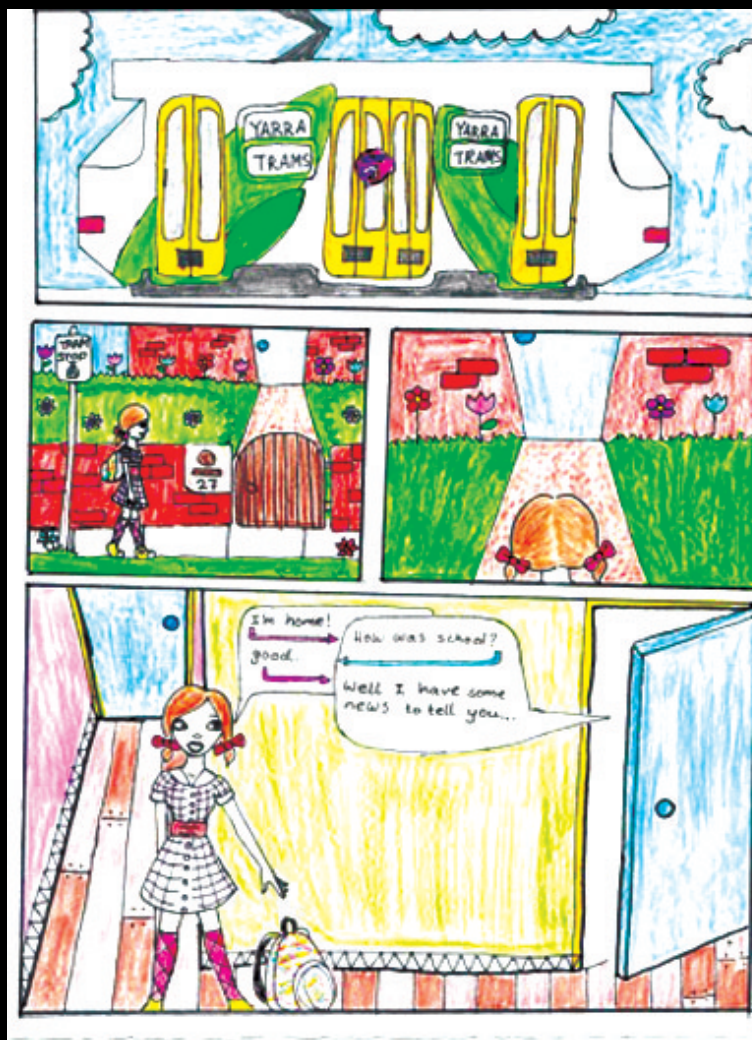
FROM AUSTRALIA MISS PETA SHARES WITH...
MISS ERIKA WHO LIVES IN COLOMBIA...

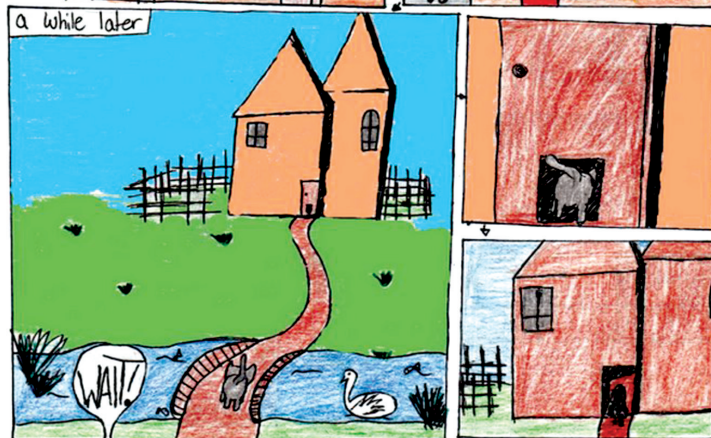
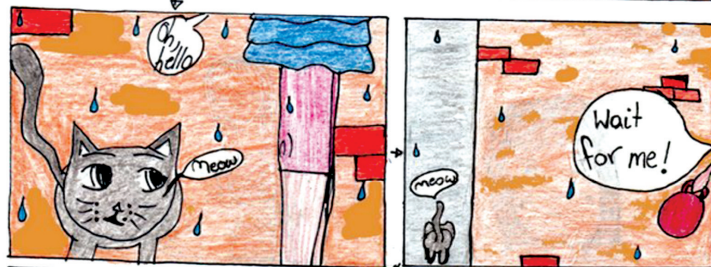
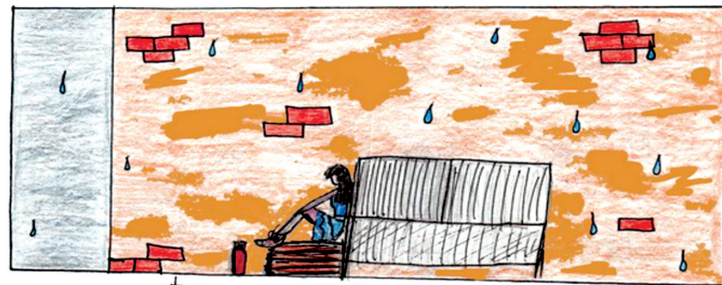
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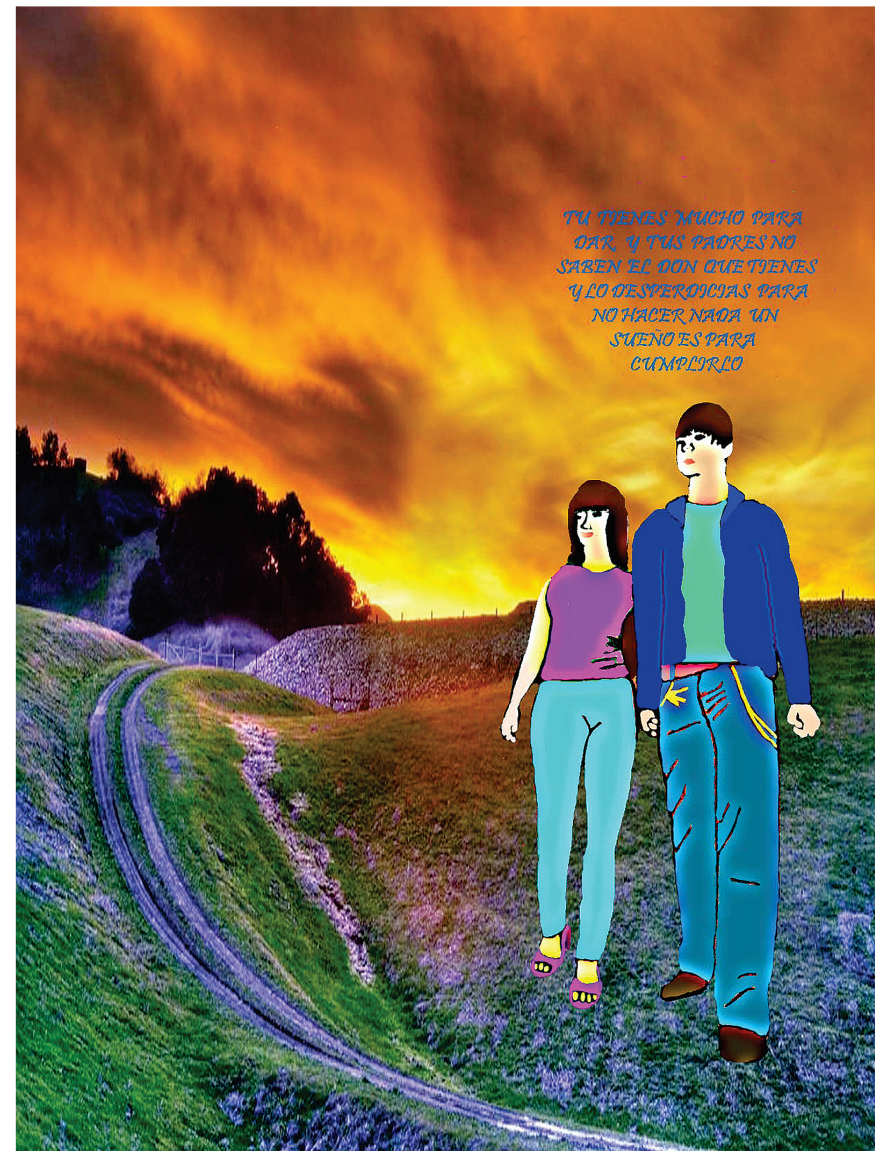
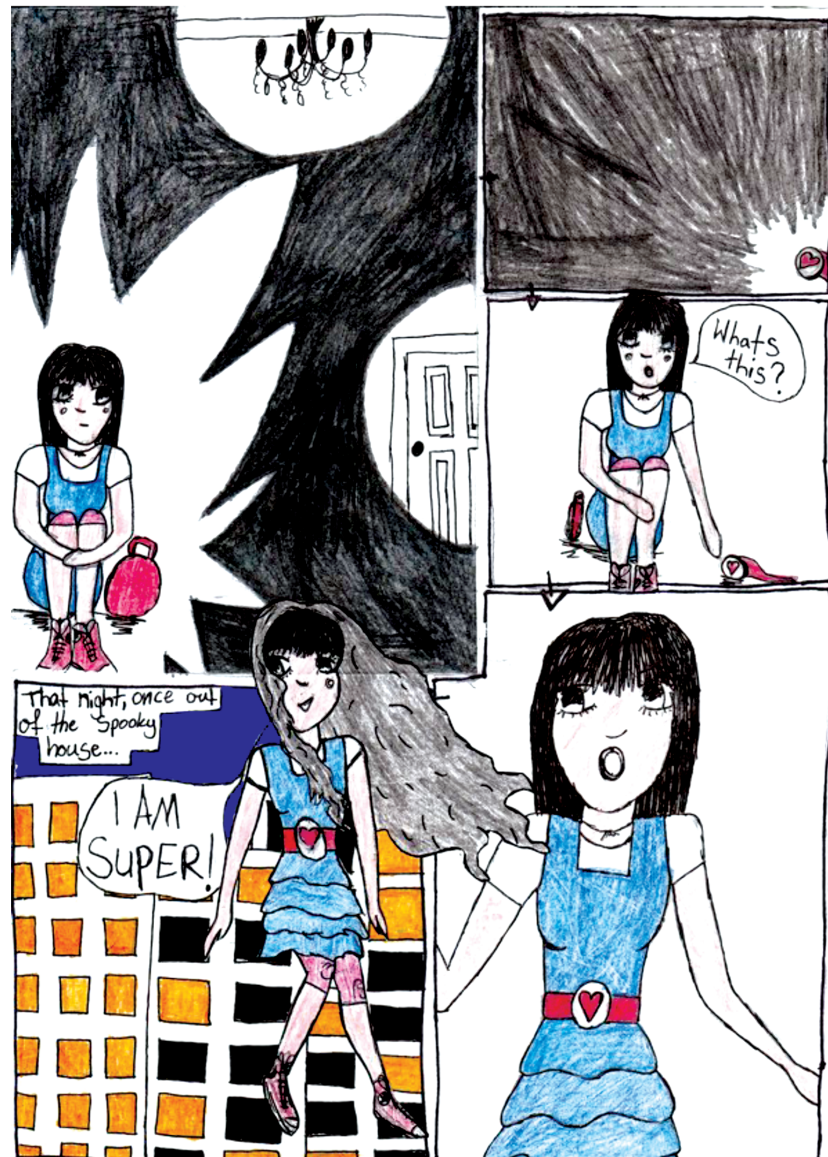
FROM THEMES TO STORIES

CURIOSITY FOR LANGUAGE

NEED FOR COLLECTIVE CREATION







**Respect
Well-Being
Safe Environment**

My International Friend will take place in a safe environment both at the arts school and through the Web. The participating organisations will make sure this will be accomplished and that any restricting Web access is programmed in advance. The teacher must make clear to the young participants of their rights to speak to them if they feel unsafe during the development of the program.

**Empathy
Understanding
Openness**

My International Friend will foster the ability to understand and share the feelings of another no matter their tradition, religion, way of looking, social status or cultural backgrounds.

**Commitment
Responsiveness**

The participating organisations will be responsible for maintaining the commitments attained when participating in My International Friend and the ongoing communication with the coordinators and other participating organisations.

**Cultural Traditions
Religious Awareness**

The participating organisations will be responsible to communicate to My International Friend any cultural traditions and beliefs that might become sensitive issues when sharing and creating visual artwork. In case a sensitive issue might arise, the participating organisation will let My International Project know.

**Have Fun
Enjoy**

All My International Friend participants should have fun with this experience and enjoy.

**Great Education
Great Training**

The participating organisations will be responsible for meeting the educational needs of the young participants. This means providing highly skilled arts teachers who are socially committed and have the capacity to help each participant do the best they can and achieve the best outcome.

**Collaborative
Working Practice
Teacher Support**

The participating organisations shall have a collaborative working practice with other teachers or psychologists in case their professional services might be needed throughout the development of the program. The participating organisation will let My International Friend know of any situation where other teachers or psychologists might be involved.

**Agreements
Permits**

According to each country's law, the participating organisations will obtain any necessary permission from parents, guardians, schools and/or organisations for youth access to the Web, appearing in photographs and publication of the artwork in My International Friend Website, future exhibitions and publications.

"I have met people from the other side of the world, very different from the people I'm usually surrounded by"

Alexander, 15 years old, Colombia

Objectives

Contribute to the well-being of the participants through building their sense of identity and cultural background

Develop creative, social media and ICT skills and critical thinking through recognizing similarities and differences with other fellow youth

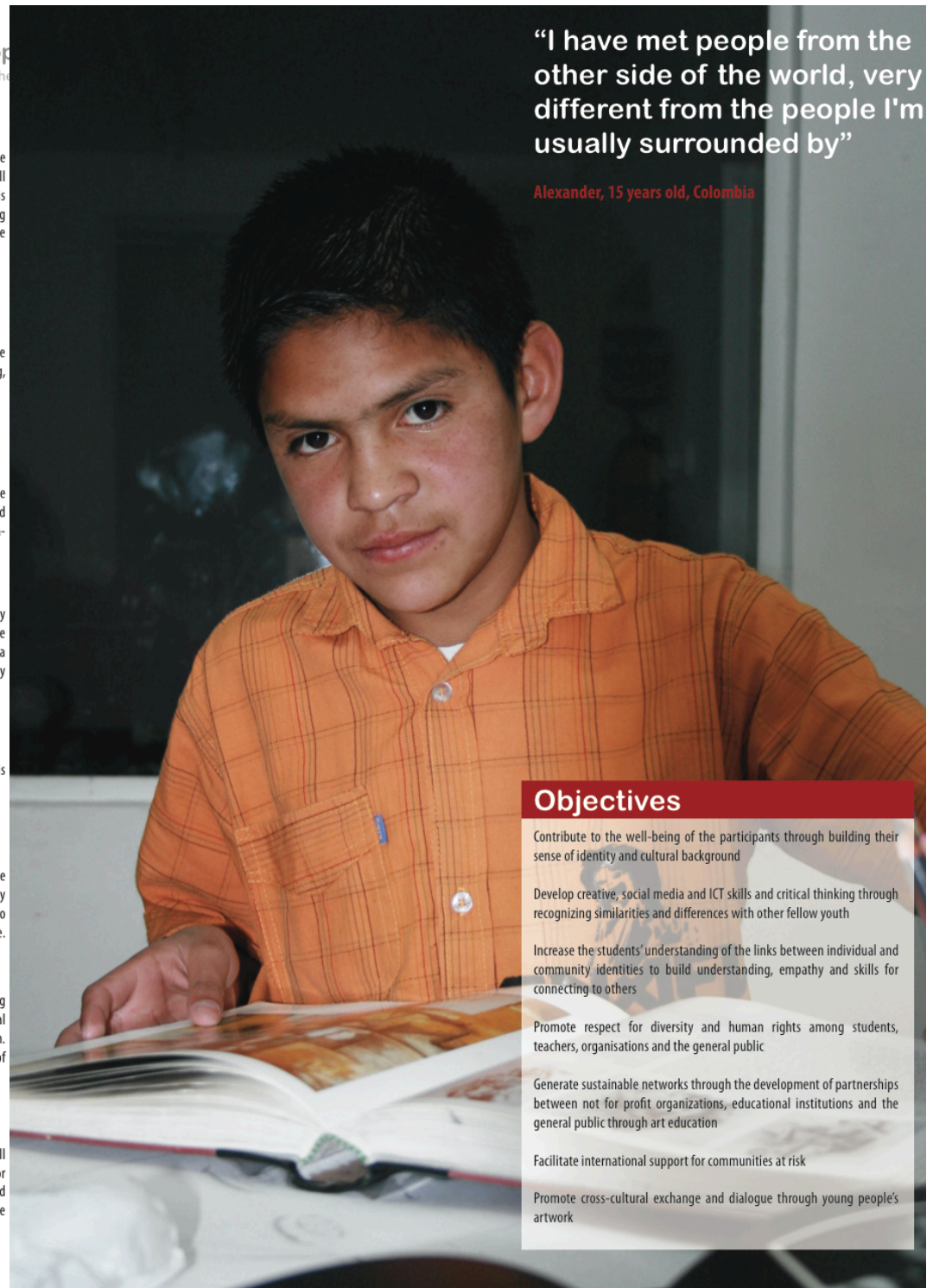
Increase the students' understanding of the links between individual and community identities to build understanding, empathy and skills for connecting to others

Promote respect for diversity and human rights among students, teachers, organisations and the general public

Generate sustainable networks through the development of partnerships between not for profit organizations, educational institutions and the general public through art education

Facilitate international support for communities at risk

Promote cross-cultural exchange and dialogue through young people's artwork





MY INTERNATIONAL FRIEND – MI AMIGO INTERNACIONAL

Art-Pals Project

- The students expanded their perception of the world and the advantages of global connections
“It has been interesting to know how people from a whole other place in the world live” Anna 16 yrs
- The students reflected on their identity and cultural and social differences through respect, empathy and tolerance
- The students explored and experimented with techniques such as photomontage, acrylic painting, pencil drawing, collage and mixed media
- The students developed interest in the Colombian, Afghanistan and Australian culture and language. *“It’s great I have started to learn another language” Molly 15 yrs*

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LA DESCARGA

Experience Afro-Colombian culture

- Mixing storytelling, dance, music and workshops, LA DESCARGA offers a close encounter with the Afro-Colombian culture





JORGE LEIVA

Leiva is a Chilean musician and composer. He has been part of several musical groups and has composed music for films and television. He is known for his work with the group Los Jaes and for his solo work. He has won several awards for his music and is considered one of the most important musicians in Chile.

Leiva is a versatile musician who plays a variety of instruments, including the guitar, piano, and drums. He is also a skilled songwriter and producer. His music is characterized by its melodic and harmonic complexity, and it has earned him a reputation as one of the most innovative and talented musicians in his country.

Leiva's work has been recognized internationally, and he has performed at many major music festivals and venues. He is a true ambassador of Chilean music, and his contributions to the field are highly respected.







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LA DESCARGA

Experience Afro-Colombian culture

- The participants gather an understanding of a rich South American culture, result of African, Indigenous and Spanish mix
- The participants approach language through music
- The participants develop an appreciation for a new culture which is part of multicultural Australia

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PLAY : GROUND

Role play – social issues

- Work is informed by a vast research on children, imaginary worlds, former child soldier's life
- play:ground (2008) was performed at night time by 9 children between 6 and 13 years old and a handful of adults at Carlton Gardens.
- In 2011 a film based on the performance was launched at the same site involving the children involved originally and former victims of war living in Australia.









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PLAY : GROUND

Role play – social issues

- An appreciation of the importance of local, national and international interdependence in social, environmental, economic and political arenas and an understanding that mutual support in these areas is vital to local and global harmony.
- Empathy for others
- Inspiration for social change
- In depth knowledge and awareness of other culture
- An understanding of, and skills to interact in, intercultural settings

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YOUNG PEOPLE

Relevant to their day to day life

Fun

Offers the possibility to apply different learning styles

Traditional approaches and new technologies

Igniting imagination

Applying creativity

THE TEAM

What can we offer?

Artistic experience

International connections

Our culture

Our language

Fun

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