

LOVING EARTH PROJECT : Caring for the world we love

A simple workshop format suggestion

Materials required:

- A3 paper - thick white cartridge paper is ideal.
- Drawing materials: coloured crayons, pastels are ideal.
(Paints or collage materials could also be used to develop the artwork further)
- Something to write notes on and with.

You will also need table and chairs for people to sit and draw or write at.

TIME: about an hour but very flexible, depending on ages and size of group. This could be done as part of a bigger project, perhaps after more detailed work has already been done.

The project could later be developed in different ways; developing the artwork, research and actions, making textile panels for the Loving Earth Project travelling exhibition, writing poems etc.

1 INTRODUCTION: Reminder/input about the topic. (See overleaf for an example)

2 REFLECTION: Settle down and think quietly about these questions:

- **Is there something, someone or somewhere that you know and love which is endangered by environmental break-down?**

For example, it could be the whole Amazon Rainforest, or it could be one the people there, or a specific creature. Spend a few minutes (eyes closed) thinking about what is wonderful about this,

- **How does your lifestyle contribute to that threat?**

You may need to do some research to find out more about this. There are some suggestions at <http://lovingearth-project.uk/getting-started/>

Do you eat or use things that result from this activity or encourage it? Do you know others who do?

What could you do, or are you doing, to help reduce that threat?

What steps have you already taken? Imagine the biggest, most radical change that could be made to safeguard the future and reduce the threat. How could you help make that happen? What's the tiniest thing you could do? It might be to find out more!

Could you change something about what you eat, or buy? Could you support a campaign or write to someone? What might make a difference? Talk to other people about your concerns. If they too are worried, can you work together?

3 ACTIVITY : Now make a picture to illustrate your response. It could be an image of what you love, or about something you will do.

Take your A3 paper, and mark a square equal to the short side. This is where to make your picture .

In the rectangle by the side, write a title and a few words about:

- what you love and how it's threatened
- something that you do that contributes to the problem
- something that you are going to reduce the threat.

Don't forget to do what you have said you would do!

If you would like to share what you have made with others, please email photos, and your details to lovingearthproject@gmail.com or post them on social media, tagging us in. Contributions may appear on our website as well as at a display. In sending us your contributions you are agreeing to this, and that the Loving Earth Project will have copyright (jointly with the makers)

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