

# What Matters to Me, Now

A catalogue of children and young people's artwork,  
created as part of the Barnsley 2021 Director of Public  
Health Annual Report



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of possibilities.**



## Introduction

In 2019, children and young people were asked to create artwork around the theme 'What Matters to Me?' to inform the Director of Public Health Annual Report 2019. However, due to the Covid-19 pandemic, this work had to be put on hold.

In 2021, the project was able to be reinstated, and children and young people were then asked to create artwork with the theme of 'What Matters to Me, Now' to provide a comparison of what is important to children and young people in Barnsley pre-and post-pandemic.

This catalogue accompanies an in-person exhibition that showcases the artwork (at the Library @The Lightbox 23<sup>rd</sup> - 30<sup>th</sup> May), to provide information about the creators and their interpretation. The artwork is listed in the order that it was received. The number of pieces created for 2021 are fewer due to the increased demand on services, and in some cases reduced capacity, because of the ongoing and ever-changing nature of the Covid-19 pandemic.

A write up of the findings from all the engagement work is included in the Director of Public Health Annual Report 2021.

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**Exhibit Number:** E001

**Service:** Healthwatch and Barnardo's Young Carers Council

**Description of the Service:** A Young Carers Service, provided by Barnardo's, who are based at Priory Campus. We work directly with children and young people who have a caring role in their family. By providing the right help, Barnardo's make sure that the young person doesn't become responsible for inappropriate caring responsibilities.

**Age of children and young people involved in creating the artwork:** Ages 13-17



**Description of the artwork:**

Healthwatch Barnsley worked with the Young Carers' Council at Barnardo's to create a piece of colourful artwork that highlighted:

- What a young carer is
- What support is available
- How Barnardos supports young people

This piece of work shows what the young carers would like to see in the future within Barnsley for young carers with points raised being:

- More support is needed for young carers.
- More social activities are needed for young carers.



**Exhibit Number:** E002

**Service:** YMCA Barnsley After School Clubs at Ward Green Primary / Queen's Road Academy

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**Age of children involved in creating the artwork:** Ages 8-11



**Description of the artwork:** The children created sculptures about what matters to them, which the children wanted to be about their aspirations and what they want to do when they are older. The sculpture from both schools have been put together as one finished piece to create a community and show elements of what is important to them there too, such as open green space.

Please note: Unfortunately, we are unable to display this artwork in the exhibition due to damage that has occurred to the plasticine models since it was produced in 2019.



**Exhibit Number:** E003A

**Service:** YMCA Barnsley - ACE Club at Horizon Community College

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**Age of children and young people involved in creating the artwork:** Age 11-14



**Description of the artwork:** The children produced a calming, painted canvas as they all decided that 'what matters to me' is nature and green space. The serenity in the picture reminds everyone to use the open spaces and parks surrounding our area to soothe and calm us.

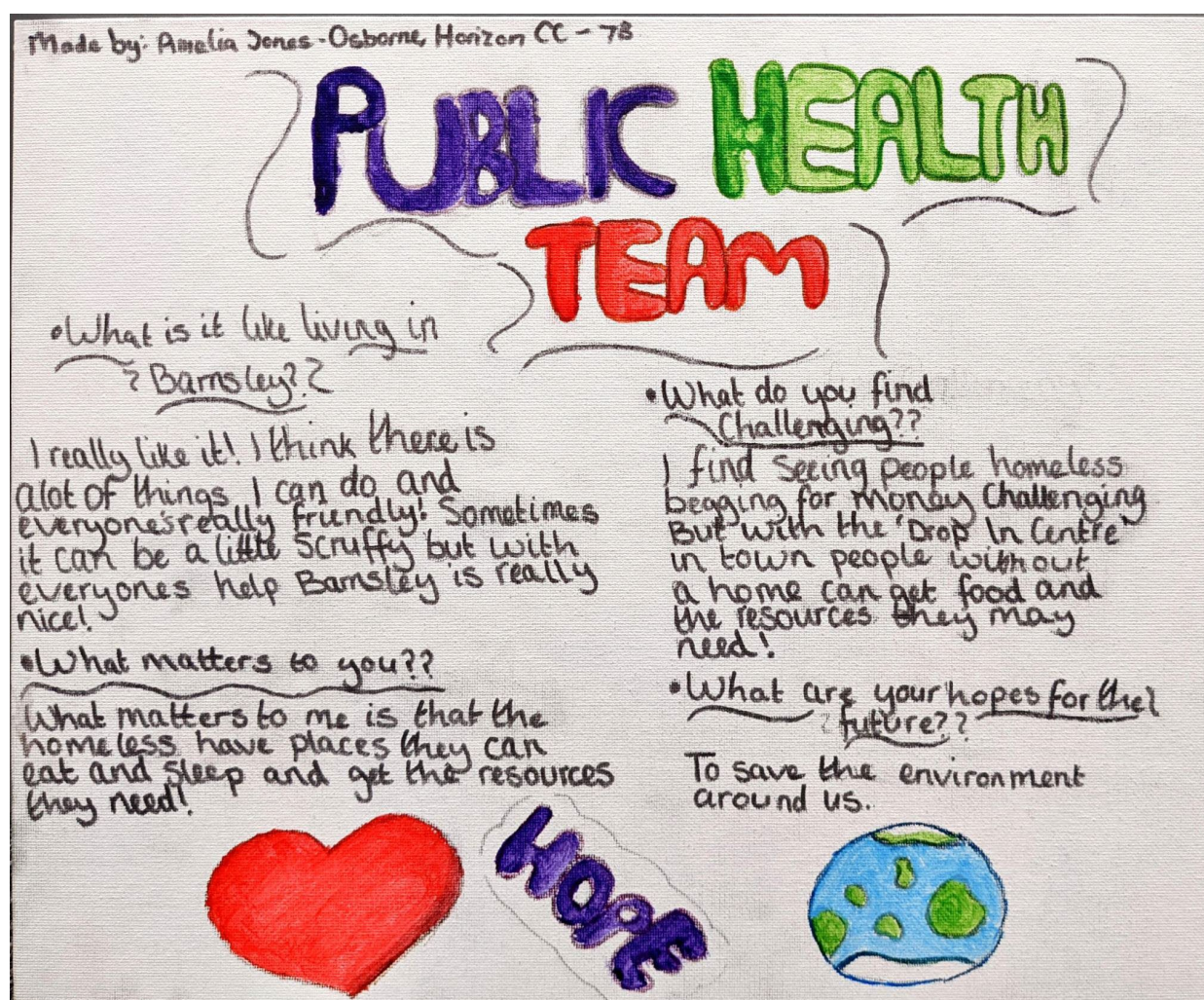


**Exhibit Number:** E003B

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**Age of children and young people involved in creating the artwork:** Age 11-14



**Description of the artwork:** This lovely painted canvas created by the children addresses some serious and important issues. The children felt that 'what matters to me' is that all homeless people have places they can eat and sleep and get the resources they need. The planet needs our help too, the children remind us how important it is to protect our environment.



**Exhibit Number:** E003C

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**Age of children and young people involved in creating the artwork:** Age 11-14



**Description of the artwork:** A very descriptive, insightful painted canvas by young people who considered 'what matters to me' is changing how beauty is portrayed in the media. The image of the girl on the left with dark hair and dark skin contrasts with the more westernised 'ideal' of blonde hair and blue eyes, which they feel is portrayed in the media as being the definition of beauty. It's important that children and young people of all ethnicities are made to feel like they are beautiful.



**Exhibit Number:** E003D

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**Age of children and young people involved in creating the artwork:** Age 11-14



**Description of the artwork:** This painted canvas tackles 'what matters to me' is the need to protect all children from abuse. The use of shadows behind the figures really draws attention to the difficult subject of "Hidden Harm", whereby children can appear 'fine' but may be experiencing harmful behaviours behind closed doors, sometimes due to parental drug and alcohol use.



**Exhibit Number:** E003E

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**Age of children and young people involved in creating the artwork:** Age 11-14



**Description of the artwork:** This colourful painted canvas draws our attention to an issue that will affect the future of this generation. 'What matters to me' is saving wildlife and our environment.



**Exhibit Number:** E003F

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**Age of children and young people involved in creating the artwork:** Age 11-14



**Description of the artwork:** This eye-catching painted canvas shows the young people have many hard-hitting issues on their minds. 'What matters to me' is tackling war, religious conflict, animal abuse, poverty, gun violence, bullying, obesity, discrimination, prostitution, lack of school mental health provision, abortion and domestic abuse. The knotted wire acts as a symbol of the issues that need to be untangled, indicating that we have made progress in tackling these issues but there is still work to be done.



**Exhibit Number:** E003G&H

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**Age of children and young people involved in creating the artwork:** Age 11-14



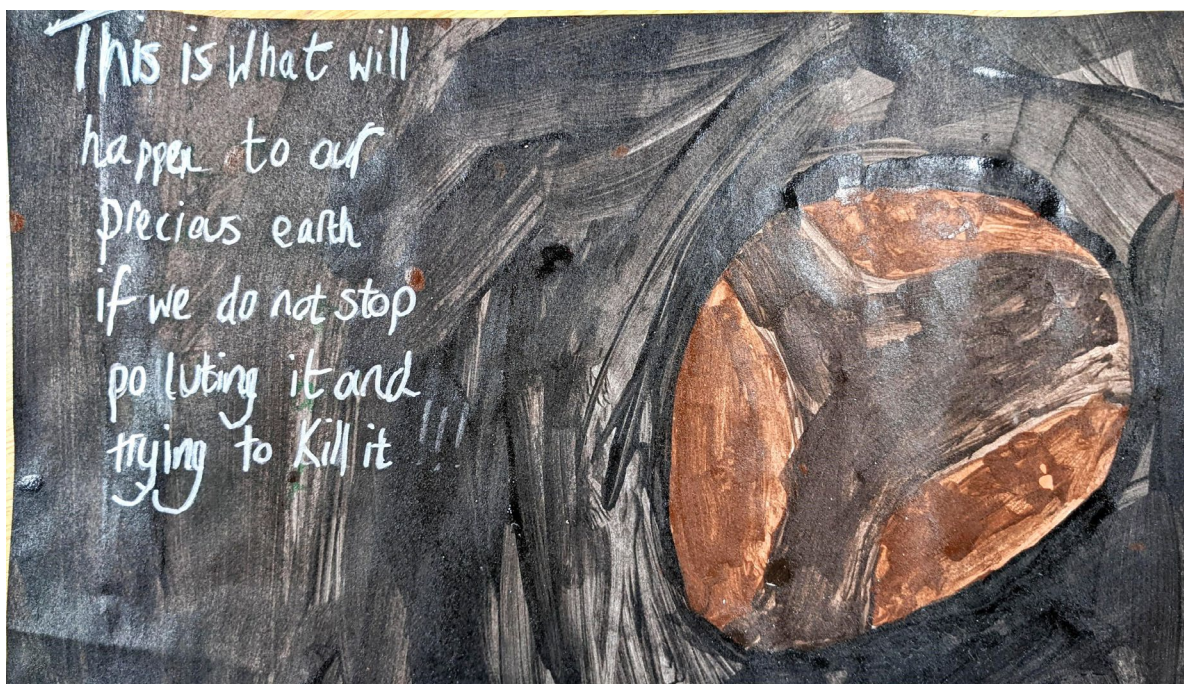
**Description of the artwork:** 'What matters to me' is looking after animals. The two canvases provide a direct contrast between a horse running freely with their foal in luscious green space and those involved in horse racing, where some may be kept in poor conditions.

**Exhibit Number:** E0031

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**Age of children and young people involved in creating the artwork:** Age 11-14



**Description of the artwork:** The darkness depicts a very clear message from the young people on this painting, showing 'what matters to me' is our environment and tackling pollution.



**Age of children and young people involved in creating the artwork: Ages 8-14**



Junior YC have a lot of young people attending who like to participate in sport, so they began their piece by painting large MDF boards and then donning full overalls and creating the backdrop to their artwork by using different size footballs covered in paint to create the blue and yellow background. The young people then worked in smaller groups to create what is important to them and they focused on their community, family and friends. The young people talked about what is important to them, such as, recognising disabilities and where you come from. They also talked about Barnsley and how having things to do and living a clean safe environment is important to them.





**Exhibit Number:** E007

**Service:** Targeted Youth Support - Early Intervention and Prevention Service

**Description of the Service:** In Barnsley we want all young people to fulfil their true potential and to have a bright future. Our Targeted Youth Support Service works with young people aged 11-19 years (and those up to 25 with additional needs) to provide targeted support either on a one-to-one basis or as part of a group or project. Through early help or the early identification of an issue, we can offer a range of universal and targeted support to reduce or prevent problems or issues from getting worse and bring in the right support at the right time to meet young people's needs.

**Age of child who created the artwork:** Age 12



**Description of the artwork:** This is a photography piece rooted in nature and the countryside and wildlife that Barnsley has to offer. It explores the natural resources of Barnsley and how these can be used to bring calm and wellbeing to the people who live here. It is what this young person has chosen as being most important to them and where they find their creativity and passion for photography is best explored.



**Exhibit Number:** E008

**Service:** Central Family Centre

**Description of the Service:** Family centres deliver joined-up early help services for children from pre-birth up to 19 years (or 25 years if the young person has a disability). They bring together practitioners from a range of universal, targeted and specialist services in each local area, including schools, police, social care, private and voluntary sector and some adult services.

Services for adults play an essential role in our early help approach as these can impact on adults' parenting capacity and family life. Some adults have additional needs, which can impact negatively on family life if not supported. Services that predominantly work with either children and young people or adults need to adopt a 'think family' approach, coordinating the support they provide, to secure better outcomes for children, young people and families with additional needs.

**Age of children involved in creating the artwork:** Ages 0-8



**Description of the artwork:** Photo collage and children's drawings showing 'what matters to me' is play and children having the opportunity to use their imaginations with real resources to fuel their dreams of what they want to be in future.

Please note: Unfortunately, this artwork is not displayed as part of the exhibition as it was dismantled by the service in 2020.

**Exhibit Number:** E009

**Service:** Barnsley Young People's Substance Misuse Service

**Description of the Service:** The Young People's Substance Misuse Service provides help and support to young people - and their families - who might be using drugs and alcohol.

We will listen to you without judging. We will encourage you to be honest with yourself and give you a safe and confidential space to go over your issues.

We can then also put you in touch with other services who can help you.

**Age of children and young people involved in creating the artwork:** Ages 10-18



**Description of the artwork:** The idea was to create a “Lo-Fi” piece of artwork that does not represent the digital age, reflecting on historic games/engagement/interaction between young people before the smart phone phenomena that has captured modern everyday living for young people. The “Fanzines” that hang on the board, showed a tremendous amount of black and white thinking from the participants, which influenced the creation of the background drawing on images from a bygone age before smart phone technology. The individual fanzines can be read to explore ‘what matters’ to these children and young people.



**Exhibit Number:** E010

**Service:** Barnsley Youth Council

**Description of the Service:** Barnsley Youth Council are a group of local young people, elected by their peers to represent the views of young people who live in Barnsley. We represent our town's young people, no matter what their background. Everyone is entitled to their say in what happens, whatever their age.

**Age of children and young people involved in creating the artwork:** Ages 12-19



**Description of the artwork:** A collage of newspaper articles around the 2019 Make Your Mark consultation results and the top local issues in the Barnsley area. The portrait is of the founder of the Barnsley Suffragette movement Celia Wray, who was born in Cudworth. The contents of the portrait links into democracy and youth voice because this of course matters to us as it's important for young people to have a voice in their community and that is what Barnsley Youth Council proudly represents. In addition, we have added words from our consultation work as a result of the work (or drop-ins) done with young people from around Barnsley about what they would like and want to see for Barnsley in 2030. The words contained represent the past, present and future of Barnsley. We have written these around the artwork because we represent the voices of all young people not just of our Youth Council.



**Exhibit Number:** E011

**Service:** Targeted Youth Support - Early Intervention and Prevention Service

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**Age of children and young people involved in creating the artwork:** Ages 11-19



**Description of the artwork:** The two canvases were done at a youth summit in Penistone on the 16th November 2019, where young people were asked about what they think about their lives now and where they would like to be in 2030. The blue half of the canvases represents their current selves and situations and the orange halves represent their future hopes and dreams for themselves and Barnsley.



**Exhibit Number:** E012

**Service:** Care4Us Council

**Description of the Service:** The Care4Us Council is made up of young people aged 8 to 25 who are either in care or have left the care system and are part of the leaving care service. The purpose of the Care4Us Council is to work with young people's corporate parents and other services to make a difference, by speaking to children who are in care and other care-experienced young people. Care4Us Council members also have the opportunity to take part in activities such as residential gatherings, regional work and fun events like bowling and eating out.

**Age of children and young people involved in creating the artwork:** Ages 8-25



**Description of the artwork:** 'What matters' to the Care4Us Council is the importance of their family and friends because they are the people who support them and raise their aspirations to have a good education and job, which prepares them for a brighter future in Barnsley.

**Exhibit Number:** E013

**Service:** SEND Youth Forum

**Description of the Service:** The SEND Youth Forum is a group of young people who experience Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND). We work on SEND specific topics as a group and the forum also work jointly with their fellow Youth Council and Care4us members. It's also a great chance to make friends, take part in fun activities and learn important life skills. With support from the Youth Voice and Participation team the young people have the opportunity to have their say and make positive changes to services that affect them.

**Age of child/children or young person/young people involved in creating the artwork:** Ages 11-25



**Description of the artwork:** A scrapbook displaying a collection of photographs taken by members of the SEND Youth Forum and the clubs that are represented on the Forum. The collages are individual answers and interpretations of the two questions – ‘what matters to me?’ and ‘what are my hopes for my future in Barnsley?’. The scrapbook has been laminated to encourage people to look through the pages.



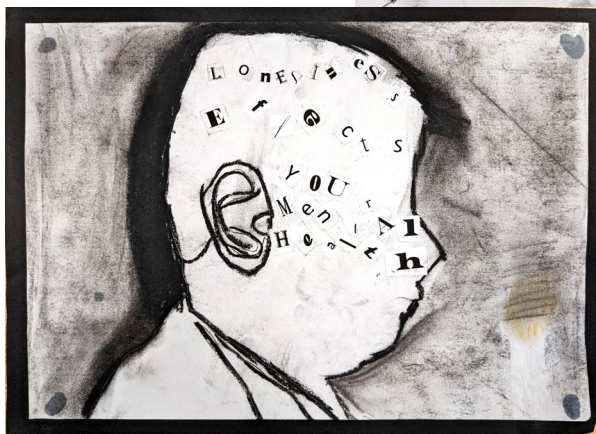
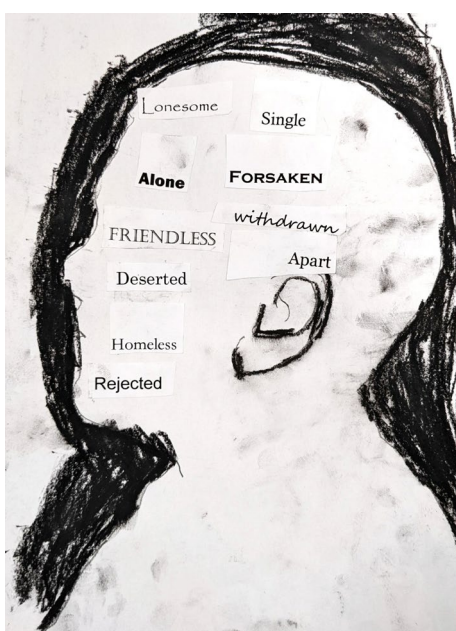


**Exhibit Number:** E015

**Service:** Greenacre School

**Description of the Service:** Greenacre is a school for children and young people aged 3 to 19 with severe and complex needs and disabilities. We are extremely proud of our happy and successful school. Our key strengths include our vision and values, which shape our daily practice; our curriculum, which ensures all pupils learn the right things at the right time. Our model of social inclusion, which supports pupils to develop strong interpersonal relationships. Our staff team, who are utterly committed to the pupils they support; and, of course, our wonderful families and supporters.

**Age of children and young people involved in creating the artwork:** Ages 11-16



**Description of the artwork:** Just a selection of the many descriptive drawings. Many of the students interviewed said that they felt lonely daily and were feeling lonely for long periods of time. Many Greencare students said that what really mattered to them was being able to do activities and see their friends during holidays and weekends. This would help to tackle their loneliness.



**Exhibit Number:** E016

**Service:** YMCA Barnsley – THANK YOU IT'S FRIDAY Project

**Description of the Service:** TYI FRIDAY is part of the Targeted Youth Support Short Breaks Provision in Barnsley, for children and young people with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND). We provide a range of creative youth club type activities, including arts and crafts, sports and games, creative media and music, healthy living, seasonal activities, along with issue-based and independent skills projects. Plus, opportunities for social interaction, meeting and making new friends, personal and social development and learning new skills.

**Age of children and young people involved in creating the artwork:** Ages 11-22



**Description of the artwork:** The children and young people chose to do a tile mosaic to show what they love and like about Barnsley. They chose to depict areas they had visited and villages they live in but wanted to include all the areas of Barnsley to show the diversity and the inclusion of our town, as this is important to them.

## 2021 Artwork

**Exhibit Number:** E017

**Service:** Exodus

**Description of the Service:** We work with children and young people, many from the most disadvantaged communities. Our aim is to divert them from destructive lifestyles and we work in partnership with families and others within the communities. We have activity clubs in the heart of the community and offer weekend camps combining fun and educational activities. Our aims are to build trusting relationships and grow aspirations.

**Age of children and young people involved in creating the artwork:** Ages 8-15



### Description of the artwork:

The children and young people all wanted to bring their ideas to the canvas. A lot of them had the idea to draw the foundation of exodus, hence the building. This is our activity centre, a home from home, where all our children and young people matter. We wanted them to know they matter to us just as much as we matter to them. They wanted to draw things, such as, family or worldly possessions, feelings and beliefs.



**Exhibit Number:** E018

**Service:** Athersley Family Centre

**Description of the Service:** We offer childcare for 2–4-year-olds with our main aims to improve outcomes for all children who attend and develop their self-help and interaction skills in preparation for school. We have outdoor play areas that provide exciting experiences for children to explore and enjoy and are equipped with resources to ensure children are stimulated in a safe environment. We encourage children to be independent and allow them to develop at their own pace by learning through play.

**Age of child/children or young person/young people involved in creating the artwork:** Ages 2-4



**Description of the artwork:** The artwork depicts the journey in which the children have taken since the beginning of the pandemic to now. The journey begins with the Covid-19 cloud and the children experiencing a mixture of emotions. The children were small seeds but by still having the familiar routine of nursery life they were able to blossom and thrive. In the eyes of the children nursery staff were heroes as they enabled them to have some normality in a scary world. The children that were Home Learning started returning to nursery and were once again able to socialise with their friends. 'What matters' to the nursery children are the happy and vibrant nursery staff and a safe setting, which is like a little family unit.





**Exhibit Number:** E020

**Service:** Healthwatch - Barnsley Young Carers' Service

**Description of the Service:** A Young Carers Service, provided by Barnardo's, who are based at Priory Campus. We work directly with children and young people who have a caring role in their family. By providing the right help, the service makes sure that the child or young person does not become responsible for inappropriate caring responsibilities.

**Age of children and young people involved in creating the artwork:** Ages 4-14



**Description of the artwork:** When we spoke to the children and young people and asked them “what matters to you now?” there was an overwhelming feeling of friends and family, making sure everyone was safe and having a sense of belonging. We decided to build our own community in the form of a street full of houses and small pockets of green spaces. Each child/young person decorated a house in a theme or design of their choosing. The houses all have removable roofs and inside the child/young person has written a short sentence or two on what matters to them now.

Exhibit Number: E021

**Service:** Barnsley Youth Justice Service - Remedi

**Description of the Service:** Barnsley Youth Justice Service recognises the power of restorative practice. This means every child will have the opportunity to repair the harm they caused in some form; with an aspiration that they can engage in direct restorative intervention with the victim(s) of their offending where possible. This service is provided by Remedi on behalf of Barnsley Youth Justice Service.

**Age of young people involved in creating the artwork: Ages 14-17**



**Description of the artwork:** The young people have painted jigsaw pieces representing their moods. The photographs are of places in Barnsley that are important to them, where they feel safe. One young person explained, “I can see Barnsley and the world from here, and I always wonder what’s beyond those houses and hills”. On the back of the jigsaw pieces are the young peoples’ reflections of childhood, and explanations of why these places matter to them; mainly because they remind them of friends, family or local history. Each piece can be taken out and turned around to reveal an expression from the young people or thoughts and feelings about their pictures and places, so people are able to understand there are two sides to young people we work with.

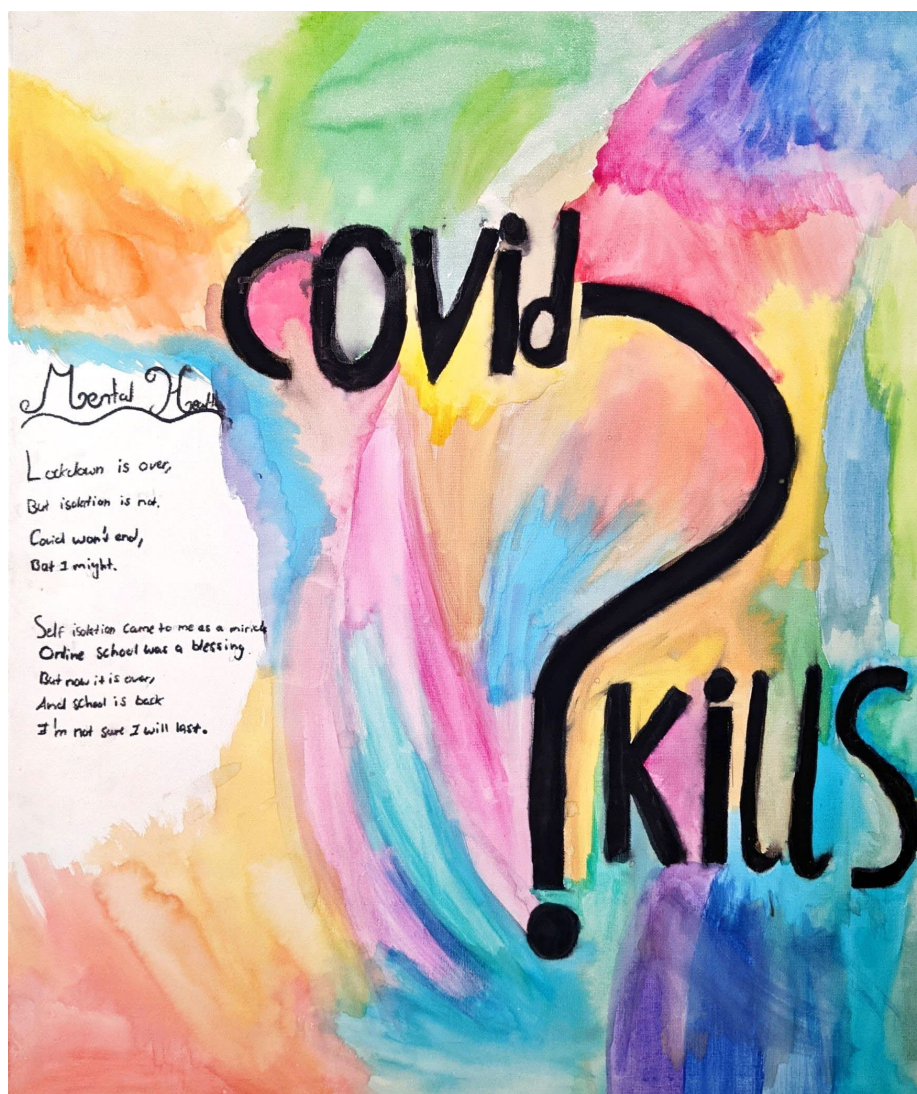


**Exhibit Number:** E022

**Service:** YMCA Barnsley - ACE Club

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**Age of child or young person involved in creating the artwork:** Age 13



**Description of the artwork:**

After being given the criteria of 'What matters to me, now' the young person decided to produce artwork including a poem around mental health as it is something they consider very important. The poem illustrates how for some children and young people, lockdown was a blessing and the return to normality and face-to-face education brings about feelings of anxiety. This highlights how it is important that this is considered, and pupils are supported in school.

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**Age of child or young person involved in creating the artwork:** Age 13



**Description of the artwork:**

'What matters to me, now' is doing art. During the Covid-19 lockdown, this young person enjoyed doing more artwork which made them feel relaxed. Covid really affected the way they thought about things and people; what they had concerns about or worried about before seemed trivial. Focusing their mind on art improved their mental wellbeing, which is why they chose to create a piece depicting just a few of the things they used to draw during the pandemic to ground them.

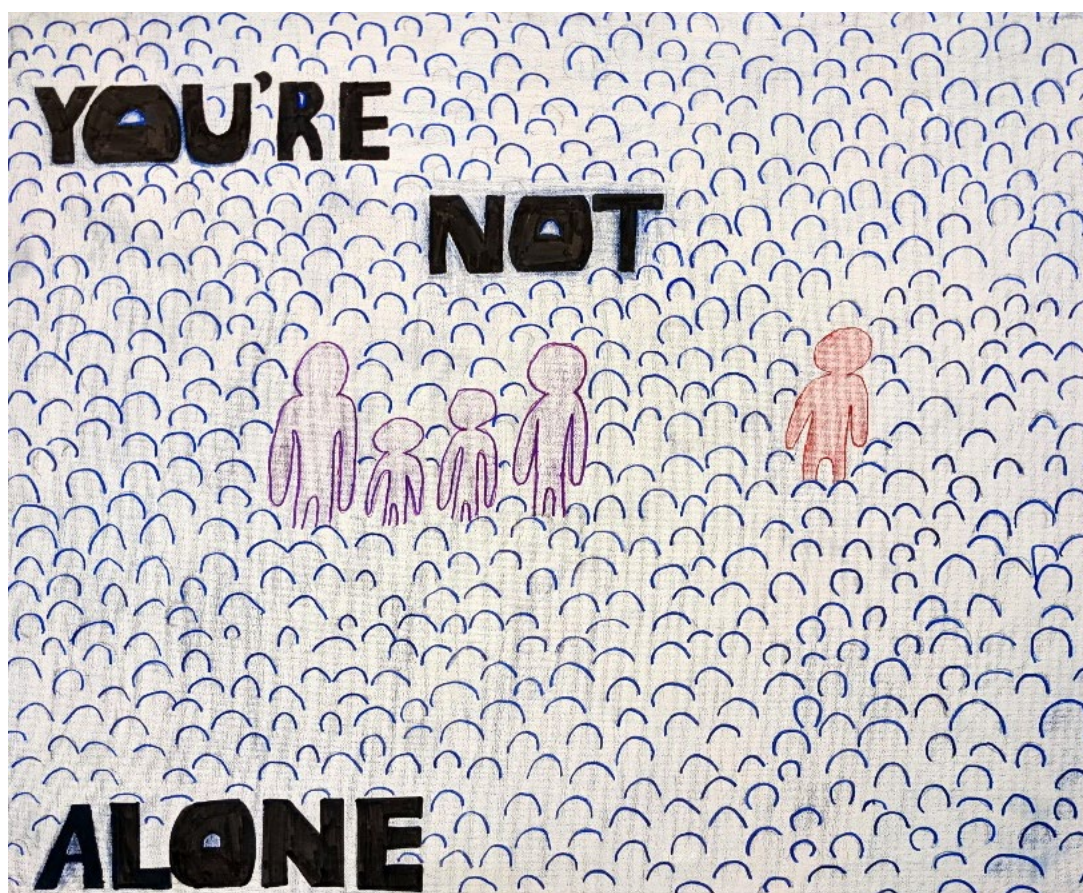


**Exhibit Number:** E024

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**Age of children or young people involved in creating the artwork:** Age 15



**Description of the artwork:**

'What matters to me, now' is that we are not alone! Covid-19 separated us from our families and friends and made us feel that we were alone and had no one to turn to. This piece of artwork illustrates how you can be surrounded by people, and you can still feel alone for a variety of reasons and that it is important to create opportunities for children and young people to spend time building friendships with others.

**Exhibit Number:** E025

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**Age of children or young people involved in creating the artwork:** Age 13



**Description of the artwork:**

'What matters to us, now' has been changed because of our experiences during the Covid-19 lockdown. It made children and young people realise how the simplest items turned out to be the most precious ones; family and friendships, our environment and feeling safe. In their submission, the CYP noted that their dreams and aspirations were the little things that they also took for granted in life; their education was put on hold and as young people with dreams to follow this was one of the most difficult aspects of the pandemic for them.



**Exhibit Number:** E026

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**Age of child or young person people involved in creating the artwork:** Age 12



**Description of the artwork:**

'What matters to me, now' is getting a pet dog. In their submission, this child noted how, during the Covid-19 lockdown, it seemed like everyone was buying a new puppy to focus their attention on and provide the support and comfort they needed in isolation. They would like a new dog to give their mum a companion (especially for when they are away at their dad's) and to help them feel safer at home.

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