



MONDO ART

Mission Statement

Mondo Art Project is a program created by Mondo Fine Art to connect children around the world through the universal language of art. Mondo Art Project offers children from all countries, cultures, and backgrounds an opportunity to share their stories with their international peers to convey what makes them and their culture unique while also discovering how much they have in common with one another.

Mondo Art Project works by joining schools and other nonprofit organizations on humanitarian expeditions. We encourage children to make drawings, paintings, and collages, then we gather and deliver those works to children in other countries. Visual art has the power to convey emotions and ideas, creating meaningful connections while transcending language barriers.

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INSTRUCTIONS

The Mondo Art Project (MAP) was created to connect children all over the world through the universal language of art. Our goal is to give children from all countries, cultures, and backgrounds a voice – a chance to tell their story and communicate with other children through a medium that transcends language barriers.

By partnering with schools, humanitarian groups and other non-profit organizations, (such as Youthlinc) we are able to reach out to children, organize art projects, and exchange experiences through artwork created - connecting children all over the world.

You will need to review the following instructions on how to prepare before you travel and how to run the project while abroad.

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The Drawing Project & Exchange:

This project can be very rewarding, as children get a chance to connect with other children from across the globe through their art pieces. This is how it works:

Before You Travel:

1. Team members, usually on the Education Committee or Cultural Committee, volunteer to be Mondo Art Leaders.
2. Before the international trips, Mondo Art Leaders from every Youthlinc team will receive a binder of drawings, map and photos provided to you. The original drawings in this binder are created by children from many countries, not just Youthlinc sites.
3. Mondo Art Leaders collect and bring Mondo Art supplies to their international site.
 - a. 8.5x11" white paper
 - b. Crayons, pencils, colored pencils
 - c. Pencil sharpeners, rulers, erasers

The Drawing Project & Exchange:

When at your International Site:

1. When the team is in their international site, Mondo Art Leaders will present children with the binder of art pieces. Older children (ages 9-13) will be able to grasp this project better than younger students, but anyone can participate in this project—young or old.
 - a. Before working with the children, it is important that Mondo Art Leaders work with the teachers or administrators to let them know the purpose of this project, how this project connects children on a global scale, and promotes the creativity and expression of participants, which is an important part of child development.
 - b. While presenting MAP to children, Mondo Art Leaders will show the world map to the students, and the folder. They convey that art pieces in the binder are from all over the world, created by children just like them who were expressing what was important to them. The art pieces in the binder are a gift from the children artists, and now the children in the classroom have an opportunity to create art to gift to children in another country. Leave the binder with the school
 - c. Children are given art supplies and are asked to draw something about their life. Something that is important to them, or a message they would like to share with a child from another part of the world.
 - d. Allow enough time to the children to ensure that they can complete their drawings. 30 minutes is usually adequate.
 - e. Ask that children include their name, age and country on their art pieces.
 - f. Take photos of the entire process!
 - g. Collect art pieces from the children, and make sure the art goes in the designated manila folder so they are protected. This is a voluntary project. Children can keep their drawings if they'd like. Give the art pieces to the Team Leader to return to the office.
2. When all Youthlinc teams have returned from their international trips, the art will be pooled into a big pile, and divided up into folders for the following Youthlinc trips.
3. Please send the Youthlinc International Directors any photos or stories that you have (jordan@youthlinc.org). Feedback about your experience is appreciated!