

## **Zooom Zine**

## Introduction

Zooom@Hugh Lane Gallery is the Hugh Lane Gallery's citywide outreach project for primary schools. The main objective of this project is to create imaginative creative connections between primary school children, their teachers and the Hugh Lane Gallery, its collection, and temporary exhibitions through close looking, discussion, sketching and art workshops designed and led by artists from the Hugh Lane's artist's panel and inspired by the particular artwork that the children focused on during their visit. As the gallery for the city of Dublin, the participating schools are located throughout the five administrative areas of Dublin City Council.

Initiated in December 2018, the programme has now completed its fifth phase and has engaged with 83 primary schools and over 2,300 children to date. Feedback is actively encouraged and gathered from participating teachers and children and their responses as well as the artwork made demonstrate the significant positive impact the project is having. The project name Zooom initially stemmed from the aspiration to look closely at sometimes overlooked aspects of an artwork.

Phase V of Zooom@Hugh Lane Gallery ran from April to June 2023 with 10 schools participating from across the DCC administrative areas. This phase of the project saw 350 children engaging with the gallery, many for the first time. There were 12 online pre-visits which included our successful virtual tour which was developed during Phase III of the project. This pre-visit was really effective in laying the foundation for the children's in-person visit. It introduced the children to the gallery, where it is, what they might see there, and some background history on Hugh Lane himself. The pre-visit lasted typically one hour and included a discussion of artworks from the collection using the VTS method.

The participating schools for Phase V of the project were:

O'Connell Primary School – Dublin 1
Stratford National School – Dublin 6
Goldenbridge Convent – Dublin 8
Drimnagh Castle CBS National School – Dublin 12
Bantiarna na mBuanna – Dublin 9
Mother of Divine Grace – Dublin 11
Scoil Eoin – Dublin 5
Belmayne Educate Together National School – Dublin 13
St. Laurence's National School – Dublin 13
St. Brigid's Senior Girls School – Dublin 11

When the children visited the gallery, they were welcomed by the project facilitator Jane Fogarty and also an artist and an artist's assistant from the gallery's artists' panel. The excitement was palpable and the ideas discussed during the pre-visit clearly increased the anticipation with many children recalling facts and clearly relishing their surroundings.

During Phase V of the project, there were 21 artist-led workshops at The Hugh Lane Gallery looking at 13 different artworks from the permanent collection and temporary exhibitions. These workshops were specifically designed by the talented artists on the panel and further explored the artwork looked at, thematically, materially or conceptually with many exciting outcomes.

Finally, this year saw the children exploring design techniques which were used to inform the design layout of this limited edition 'Zooom Zine' highlighting the creativity and imagination of the visits to the gallery during Phase V.

Welcome to our first ever Zooom Zine, we hope you enjoy it!

## Phase V - Zooom@Hugh Lane Gallery

## Acknowledgements

Firstly, we would like to thank all of the children for their incredible enthusiasm, insights, and their neverending imagination. We would like to also thank all the principals, teachers and teaching assistants who engaged with this phase of the project.

Zooom@Hugh Lane Gallery is curated by Jessica O'Donnell, Head of Education and Community Outreach, at Hugh Lane Gallery, and Jane Fogarty Project Facilitator with support from Cleo Fagan, Education Curator at the Hugh Lane Gallery. It is our ambition to incrementally work with every primary school in the Dublin City Council area.

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The children looked, discussed, sketched, and made work based on their observation of the following artworks from the gallery's collection and exhibitions:

Self Portrait by Patrick Graham

Horse (Mirrored) (Cow Girls: Sheep Boys) by Barry Flanagan
Positive Spin by Richard Gorman
Untitled by Hannah Levy
Figure with Raised Arm by Francis Bacon
The Eve of Saint Agnes by Harry Clarke
Corrib by Richard Gorman
Honolulu Garden by Mary Swanzy
Road Trip 13 by Kathy Prendergast
Still Life by May Guinness
Waterloo Bridge, overcast weather by Claude Monet
Naples Harbour by Stephen McKenna
5th Cycle by Richard Tuttle
Cusp II by Gillian Ayres

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