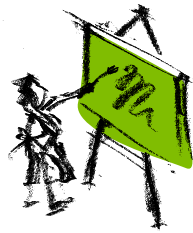


# NATIONAL CHILD PROTECTION WEEK 2021

Get your artwork in  
by 5 May 2021!



## Children's Art Activity

### What should our neighbourhood look like?

This year in Child Protection Week (5-11 September 2021) we will be talking about the need to treat all of Australia's children fairly, by making sure that every neighbourhood has what kids need to thrive and be healthy.

We're looking for artworks to show what children and young people think about their neighbourhoods. These will then be used in our campaign to help show that protecting children is about working together as a community.

We are looking to child-focused organisations like yourselves to help us. This way we hope to see artworks that are based on meaningful conversations with the children and young people themselves.

#### What we would need from you:

- Investment in time (probably a few hours) talking to the children about their neighbourhoods and then creating the artwork
- We would love to see collaborative artworks but we are also happy for children to do individual artworks if they prefer
- We need the artwork by **5 May** to allow time to create our campaign material

#### What we can offer:

- Advice, help or clarification as necessary at any time
- Small prizes for highly commended artwork
- Display of artworks online
- Certificate of thanks for all participating organisations

### Below are some talking points to get you started...

You know your children best, so please feel free to guide your own conversation. The following are just suggestions to get you started.

*Tell the children: 'We want to learn more about what things YOU think are most important in making the place where you live great for your family.'*

*Explain that it's not just up to mums and dads to make sure you grow up healthy and well; it's also up to the whole community to make sure that every family has the things they need.*

*As an example you could talk about what things make life easier for grownups and kids e.g. if they have jobs and enough money, if they don't have to drive a long way to school or work, if there are fun free things to do like going to the park, if they have childcare and good schools, if they have healthy shops, and if they have friendly neighbours.*

We'd like to get children thinking about all aspects of their neighbourhood and what is important for all families...

The following questions might be useful:

- What are the things you like most about your neighbourhood (or what would be in your dream neighbourhood)?
- Where do you like to go for fun with your family or friends e.g. park, library, sport, pool?
- What things in the neighbourhood are important for your parents, or other members of your family?
- What, or who, do you like to see as you walk around? (e.g. flowers, pets, other kids, friends, neighbours, buses, trains, planes, favourite shops)
- What other things do we all need in a neighbourhood e.g. schools, houses, jobs, roads, doctors etc

Depending on your group, you may like to get the children thinking a bit more deeply about fairness e.g. Do you think that all neighbourhoods have all the things that families need? Do you think that's fair?

## Details:

1. Draw or paint your artwork on A3 paper or larger.
2. Email a digital photo of the artwork, including a short description, by **5 May** to [contact@napcan.org.au](mailto:contact@napcan.org.au) Be sure you keep the original of your artwork!
3. Keep an eye on our website [www.napcan.org.au](http://www.napcan.org.au) as we will be displaying artwork with descriptions as they come in.

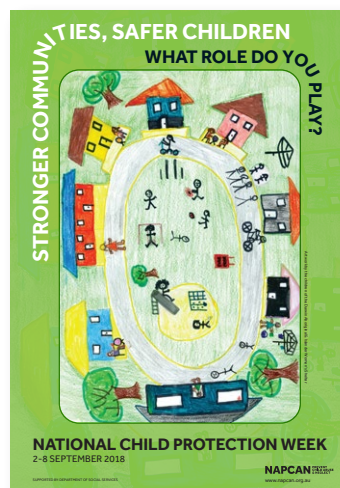


## Examples:

To give you an idea of the types of images we are looking for, attached are some examples from previous years. These are just to give you an idea; please don't feel limited by these!



"This was a collaboration of our kindergarten children discussing things that they love about Australia. Each child drew their own ideas to create a stunning collaborative piece. Ideas regarding how our homes have electricity, family and friends, cars that drive on roads and planes, and how rainbows make us happy. I hope you enjoy our collaborative piece as much as we do."



"This is how they see their community as a strong safe community."

