



**This is Me**  
City Space exhibition  
Maker's Instruction Pack

# THIS IS ME MAKER'S INSTRUCTION PACK

**Inspired by the arrival of Grayson Perry's two *Essex House Tapestries*, The Arc in Winchester is inviting the community to contribute artwork to a special exhibition.**

Perry's tapestries tell the story of fictional character, Julie Cope, from Essex. The tapestries depict all the major events of Julie's life, from birth to death, love and loss, happy times and hard times, as well as including lots of local familiar landmarks. The tapestries are full of colour and pattern, with figures and buildings hand-drawn and carefully positioned by Perry. They are a vibrant portrait of Julie Cope, giving layers of information about her as a person and the place where she lives.

While Perry's work is on display inside The Gallery, the City Space gallery (on the mezzanine) would like to cover its walls with your portraits. Over the past two years, up and down the country, collaborative campaigns have been taking place under the title 'This is Me'. At Hampshire Cultural Trust, we have been working with young people through the ICE Heritage programme, which focused on creative self-direction, mental wellbeing, and celebrating identity in all its glorious diversity. City Space will be displaying the original material and is expanding the project to invite you to take part, too.

We've created three categories that you can submit to. There is no submission charge, but we do ask that you follow our submissions guide to be sure that your entry can be displayed. The artworks will be displayed in **City Space, 9 March – 23 April 2024**.

All ages and abilities can take part in this self-led activity. Your pictures can be as simple or as complicated as you'd like to make them – even choosing one colour to represent who you are would be enough. Have fun and enjoy creating your artworks!

The instructions in this pack should answer all your questions on how to make and submit your artwork.

## CATEGORIES

We've created three categories to inspire your artwork – choose one or make one for each!

- **This is Me** – a self-portrait style picture, looking at who you are, your life story, and what makes you, you!
- **This is Us** – a group portrait or a picture made collaboratively to represent your family, your club or organisation.
- **This is Winchester** – a portrait of Winchester, showing what's special about the city and landscape, the amazing things that happen here, and why you live here or visit here.



**Grayson Perry, *Essex House Tapestries: the life of Julie Cope***

The Gallery at The Arc, Winchester

15 March – 12 June 2024

(ticketed entry)



*A Perfect Match*, Grayson Perry, 2015. Crafts Council Collection: 2016.18. Acquired with Art Fund support (with a contribution from The Wolfson Foundation) and a donation from Maylis and James Grand. Courtesy the artist, Paragon | Contemporary Editions Ltd and Victoria Miro. © Grayson Perry

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## SUBMISSIONS GUIDE

- The size can be either A4/A3/A2, in landscape or portrait orientation, on paper, card or cardboard. Make sure your design doesn't go outside of the parameters of the page as this may mean it's not possible to display it.
- Your design can be full colour or black and white.
- Any materials or medium is acceptable, as long as it's still possible to hang your picture flat on the wall and isn't too heavy. You could include text, photography, digital print, stitch, drawing and painting, collage, mixed media. Remember, it will be on display for several weeks so be sure to attach things well and don't include anything that will rot.
- No frames please. We will be pinning your picture on the wall.
- No foul language or explicit content please.

## EXAMPLE SUBMISSIONS



These collages include hand-drawn elements, magazine cuttings, text and glitter. They have included things that they love or aspire to, and that are important to them, giving a real sense of their personality.

## JOIN US FOR A MAKING DAY AT THE ARC!

**Monday 12 February 2024**

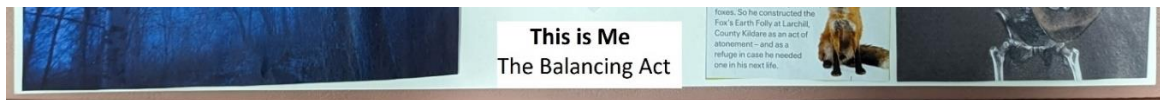
**9.30am – 4.30pm**

**The Arc, Performance Hall.**

Materials provided. Free drop-in event.

### NEXT STEPS

- Add details to the back of the picture – your full name and which category you are submitting to. This is so you can collect it from us at the end of the exhibition.
- Add a caption to the front of the picture (located around the bottom middle – see example below), starting with the category and then a title or your name (first names only please). This will act as a wall label for your artwork.



- Deliver your artwork to The Arc welcome desk by **Wednesday 28 February 2024**
- Come along and see the submissions on display at City Space, **Saturday 9 March - Tuesday 23 April 2024\***
- Collect your artwork from The Arc welcome desk at the end of the exhibition, between **27 April - 12 May 2024\*\***

\*We appreciate the time you'll take to create your artworks and we'll do our best to hang all the submissions we receive, however please note this may be affected by a large number of submissions.

\*\*Please observe the dates for collection as we are unable to keep artworks after the deadline passes.

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