ENVELOPE / BREV

ENVELOPE/BREV invites people from the Lincolnshire coast, UK to communicate with people from Helsingør in Denmark by making a simple creative exchange through the post.

The Covid-19 challenges facing communities in the UK have been mirrored across the world. Many people are feeling isolated and this project aims to safely connect people in a way that explores who we are and what our experiences have been during the pandemic.

The project is open to all ages, and can be completed by an individual, or a group or a family. vesselprojects.org/envelope

The activity:
This pack includes an ‘envelope’ for you to cut out, draw on and fold up, inspired by the 20th century tradition of blue Air Mail letters.

We invite you to create a personal map on the inside of the envelope – reflecting your individual circumstances and environments.

Once we receive all the envelopes, we will do an ‘international envelope exchange’ and try to make sure that everyone who sends an envelope receives a map-artwork from someone else in return.

Your envelope map is an opportunity to express your experience of being locked-down and socially distanced.

What to think about when making your map:
- Where you spent time
- Where you went
- What you did
- Who / what you saw
- What you heard or felt
- What you smelt or ate!

You can use pencil, pen, paint, or simple collage, but please keep your work smooth and flat (2D) so the envelope folds well and stays thin and light.

For anyone unsure how to start, suggestions and ideas for maps can be seen on our Pinterest board pinterest.co.uk/vesselprojects and Facebook page facebook.com/vesselprojects

What to do:
- Download and print this pack
- Cut out your envelope and check that the flaps all fold together with no gaps
- Create your map on the inside, including any thoughts or comments
- Fill in the return address slip* and quick questions then seal them inside the envelope
- Use the cut-out address label for SOFa Fest if your artwork has come through
- Add your stamp and post your envelope (check the address on the front is for a UK address) We will provide the stamps for all international postage
- Wait for the envelope exchange to take place
- Receive an envelope map from your unknown pen pal in the post!

* We won’t share your address with anyone, ever
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1. Cut out the envelope

2. Turn it over and fold the flaps in towards each other to create your envelope

3. Unfold the envelope again

4. Create your map on the inside, including your thoughts & comments

5. Remember to keep your artwork flat, so that you can easily fold it back up to make the envelope

6. Fill in the return address slip and info form and put them inside the envelope

7. Fold the flaps together and seal your envelope carefully, using one piece of tape as illustrated so it can be opened without damaging the artwork inside

8. Add your stamp and post your envelope - please check that the address is for the UK if you are in the UK and for the Danish address if you are in Denmark

Please note - the project can support up to 200 exchanges (400 participants in total). If we receive more than 400 envelopes, we cannot guarantee everyone will receive an envelope in return, and priority will be given to East Lindsey District Council and Helsingør residents.

Envelope/Kuvert has been commissioned by SOfa Fest 2020, part of SO Festival which is supported by Arts Council England, East Lindsey District Council, Passage Festival, Helsingør Teater and Without Walls.
Step 1
Carefully cut around the black line first, then turn over the black line first, then turn over carefully cut around

Step 2
When you've drawn your map, turn it over & fold the flaps towards each other to create your envelope. Use only one strip of tape when you've drawn.
Please complete the return address label and our quick questions then insert these in your envelope before sending.

Name

Address

Post code

Country

Quick Questions

We would love to know why you decided to take part?

How many people made this map?

Have you done anything creative in the past 6 months?

Your age group:

0 - 11  12 - 18  19 - 30  31 - 50  51 - 65  66 +

Email address:

If you would like to hear about future Vessel Projects activities

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