

RTÉ This Is Art!

Teacher Activity Plan

Step 1

Introduce the Theme (5 mins)

- Tell students about this year's theme: "This Is Us!"
- Explain: "Us" can mean family, friends, a class, a team, a culture, a community - or any people and connections that shape who we are.
- There is no right or wrong response. Every experience and interpretation is welcome.

Step 3

Create Artwork (20-30 mins)

- Use any materials available: pencils, paint, crayons, collage or mixed media.
- Show people directly, use objects and symbols, or work in an abstract or imaginary way.
- Focus on the artist's own idea of connection and belonging.

Step 5

Share & Submit

- Let students share their work and statements with the class.
- Remind them to submit their entry with the help of a parent/guardian on the This Is Art! website.

Step 2

Brainstorm Ideas (10 mins)

- Ask: Who or what does "us" mean to you?
- Use prompts (PDF supplied) to explore ideas. Choose from the prompt pack for ages 4-10, and ages 11-18.
- Students choose an idea (or several ideas!) or connection they would like to explore.

Step 4

Write an Artist Statement (10 mins)

- Explain: Each entry needs a short Artist Statement, a few sentences to tell us about your art.
- It should include:
 1. What you used to make it
 2. What your artwork is about
 3. What inspired you
- Keep it short. 3 to 5 sentences is perfect.

Key Notes for Teachers

- No special skills or equipment needed.
- Focus on creativity and originality, not "perfect" artwork.
- Every child's perspective is valid and worth submitting!