

Put Yourself in the Portrait Gallery!

Draw a picture of yourself and be part of a special exhibition in Dublin!

The Ark is looking for children from across Ireland to send in their self-portraits to be part of a one off outdoor gallery in Merrion Square Park on Friday 24 February as well as being added to The Ark's Children of Ireland collection, which can be seen from 4 March-9 April at The Ark in Temple Bar

What do you need to do?

You can draw, paint or create your self portrait in what ever way you want to on an A4 sheet of paper or card. The more colourful the better!

Take a look at the examples below and check out our *Artist's Tips* on how to get started.



Send the artwork to us!

Either by post to:

The Ark, 11a Eustace Street, Dublin 2

or

Take a photo of it and email it to:

TheArkDublin@gmail.com

Just make sure we have it by **12pm on Wednesday 22 February!** Please include your name, age and the county you live in.

(Please note that no original works can be returned and The Ark can take no responsibility for any damage that might occur to any artworks submitted)



Artist Tips: How to Get Started!

A self-portrait is a portrait of yourself by yourself. Self-portraits can be about more than what you look like, they can also show who you are on the inside, how you feel or who you want to be.

- To start, find somewhere you can sit comfortably with a mirror propped up.
- Take a close look at yourself in the mirror. Look very, very closely at each part of your face; your skin, your eye, your eyelashes, open your mouth, check out those teeth! Raise your eyebrows. What happens when you scrunch your face? What happens with you smile or frown?
- Next pick your materials to draw or paint with. Have you ever heard of the phrases “feeling blue” or “seeing red”? Colours can also tell us something about who you are or how you feel. How are you feeling today? What colours do you feel like?

Now you are ready to start! Take a piece of A4 paper and get creative!