Welcome to AccessArt

We’re pleased to welcome you to our dynamic creative community! We’re here to support teachers, artists, educators, parents and learners.

AccessArt is a charity which supports visual arts teaching and learning. Established in 1999, we advocate the importance of high quality visual arts education for all, and we enable and inspire this through the UK’s largest collection of online resources and through CPD and training & network events.

We work in partnership with teachers & schools, artists, educators, arts & cultural organisations and universities, both in the UK and overseas.

Meet the team, find out what makes us special, and find out how to join AccessArt.

Be Inspired!

Best wishes, Paula Briggs, CEO & Creative Director
“I think you are doing such important work. Creativity is how we can encounter the world, and deal with almost anything and everything. It is what makes us human and humane.” Alice Kettle, Textile Artist

Begin your Journey with AccessArt...

The AccessArt website is a busy place with many thousands of activities and resources. If you have particular areas of interest, challenges or requirements please get in touch and we will do our best to guide you to resources we think you may like.

Attend an Event...

Explore our Zoom events programme

Art Now: An APPG Survey into Art, Craft and Design Education Before, During and
After the Pandemic

The All-Party Parliamentary Group for Art, Craft and Design (ACD) in Education are looking for educators of ACD in England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland to complete a short survey (5-10 minutes) about teaching the subject. The survey is open to educators from all phases, Early Years to College, who teach ACD. You do not need to be a specialist, e.g. you could be a generalist primary teacher who teaches ACD.

Complete the Survey

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Brand New: The AccessArt Drawing Journey for Ages 5 to 11

The AccessArt Drawing Journey is our latest offering to Primary Schools.

Drawing skills underpin so many aspects of the visual arts. Use the carefully curated resources in the AccessArt Drawing Journey to help build both skills and enjoyment of drawing for all pupils (and teachers!).

“The AccessArt Drawing Journey has been so cleverly put together. We’re really looking forward to using it across the school.”
Which Artists: Merlin Evans

So often, we hear talk of the distinction between science and art, and no more so when teenagers proceed through their education and they are encouraged to choose one route or another. In
reality, creative thinking helps scientific understanding and a scientific approach can inform and inspire art.

It’s so refreshing to read and see Merlin’s experience and understand how she works between these two areas – in her words “mixing subjects, and seeing how they work and intersect is where inventions take place!“

We’re sure many young people will find Merlin’s work of interest and reassuring when they are pressured to choose “art or science“.

Rachel Parker
We’re so pleased to welcome Surface Pattern Designer Rachel Parker to AccessArt.

Rachel has written a post which shares her inspiration and working practice which you can use in the classroom to introduce children to a contemporary designer.

Rachel has also created an inspirational video sharing her method for creating a repeating pattern – perfect for use by pupils of all ages.

Sarah Pimenta

Artist Sarah Pimenta from Social Fabric shares a wonderful project creating banners with pupils at
Woking Sixth Form College.

The project celebrated the diversity within the college community by creating a collaborative welcome banner that would be hung in the entrance hall of the college. See the Project

Supporting Primary Teachers

Many Primary Schools across the country use AccessArt to inspire and enable a rich and creative curriculum. We specialise in creating resources which promote open-ended learning. In addition to providing activities which you can use with your pupils, we also create resources and events to help build skills of teachers. Explore our offer to Primary Schools.

A rich and creative art curriculum in your school
Inset & CPD

Over 1100 resources to inspire you
Pedagogical Approaches

The Sketchbook Journey
Which artists might you look to for inspiration?

The Drawing Journey
Exemplar & Progression Plans

Rethinking our Approach to Primary Assessment

Paula Briggs from AccessArt shares her thoughts on how we can reframe “Progression” and “Assessment” to explore a more holistic and creative-centred approach. Watch the Presentation.
Mind the Gap Between The National Curriculum and Ofsted

How do Primary School teachers navigate the gap between the National Curriculum for Art and Ofsted? AccessArt spoke with Jennifer Gibbs, HMI, Subject Lead Art & Design, Ofsted. Read more.

Pedagogy in 205 Words...

What You Say About AccessArt

“I found your website an excellent resource. Congratulations on putting it together and thanks for making it so accessible.”

“...the website is wonderful, it’s so inspiring and had given me tons of ideas for our new curriculum...”
“...I love Access Art – I am really pleased we signed up! I am a member for my school and it has been a great inspiration even though we only recently joined.”

“Your website and books are my total ‘go to’ for ideas. Inspirational.”

“Thank you so much for your email, your website is like no other anywhere on the internet, thank you for your expertise and hard work, we are very lucky!“

“The posts on Facebook that I quickly read and it triggers a little idea I can add to my lessons the next week bring art into all subjects. One such post was about making a little sketchbook. So I did! I made 70 from a paper for our year cohort to use whilst out on a field trip exploring our local area for our local history topic. No worksheets. ..just sketching.”

“Your teaching resources are brilliant, so well worth signing up again”

“I’d like to use the opportunity to congratulate your team...for your strong work and for all the inspiration which you share. I love AccessArt- I firmly believe it to be the absolute best resource available for creative ideas!”

“We love the AccessArt projects – they are stunning and inspirational – I have passed them on to other friends and colleagues who are equally impressed.”

“The range of ideas and resources supports me in producing inspiring lessons for my students”

“I have found it a hugely valuable resource, containing inspirational ideas. I particularly like the art starter activities and being inspired by the art week activities.”

“AccessArt is a fantastic inspiration to my own practice as a teacher and made it a far more enjoyable experience for me"
“AccessArt has given me ‘permission’ to practice my teaching in a way that I feel has integrity and links to my own personal understanding of the creative process.”

“A great psychological support to teachers/artists carrying the creative torch! ;- )”

“…interesting and different ideas, that are not focused on a same end product for every child, but a creative experience for every child.”

“I am a new user to AccessArt and have been amazed at the depth and breadth of your resources. There is so much I can use and which inspires me.”

“What I love about AccessArt is the open, innovative and experimental nature of the projects.”

“AccessArt has given me the courage to experiment. Gone are the days when all the children in the class draw the same picture & in comes free thinking, new ideas, discussions and thinking outside of the box.”

“AccessArt has made me feel like making art is a real profession that can challenge us and make us grow in ways that we never knew we could.”

“I LOVE the resources. I have replicated 2 projects and they worked brilliantly. The photos and breakdown of each project is enormously helpful... Thank you for all your efforts, it is making a big difference to my teaching practice.”

“Brilliant projects for my pupils with Autism that were accessible by all and created fantastic results! It always inspires me to try new projects. “

“AccessArt has helped me to provide opportunities for children to be more independent in their work and gain the skills they too…”
need to progress as artists.”

“Being featured on AccessArt has really given weight to what I am doing. I love the openness and sharing involved through AccessArt.

“As a freelance artist and workshop leader it has been almost like having a friend to bounce ideas around with, getting so many balls rolling, and inspiring many projects.”

“Really good to know there’s a community out there as when you are almost always leading projects alone. Great, thank you.”

“What I particularly like are the warm up exercises for drawing that you share with us – particularly good at putting the kids at ease with the drawing process – and the projects can be followed easily.”

“This site has grown spectacularly since I last explored it. It’s inspirational and packed with ideas and action. Thanks for all the work people.”

“I can’t wait to start accessing the site and the wonderful resources and ideas. I am positive that this will have a positive impact on the standards of art within our school.”

“I must confess I was seriously stuck for a Year 3 and 4 lesson today and your ‘Drawing Small’ and ‘Continuous Line Drawing’ videos saved my bacon! Thank you so much for that! It is a privilege to support such an incredible organization. Keep up the outstanding work!”

“So far all I have seen on the website has been inspiring! I have already dipped in and been able to share some ideas with colleagues in secondary school and it’s just the first day!”

“I am so impressed with everything that you are doing and sharing. It’s a real inspiration and I’m happy to be able to suggest lots of creative ideas and activities to our children
as they occupy themselves at home.”

“In these uncertain times you have made available to all these wonderful ideas and I thank you for it!”

“I’ve been a member for a few years now and have used your resources many times with all ages from 4-84! You are all fantastic!”

“I’m delighted to have found your website!!! At last I feel that I have a place to go for help and advice so that I can finally begin to ensure Art and DT has a place in our school.”

“I am so impressed with AccessArt and the inspiration and ideas it gives me.”

Supporting Secondary School Teachers…

Our offer to teachers of teenagers
Pedagogical approaches

Over 1100 resources to inspire you
The Sketchbook Journey

#BeACreativeProducer: teenage creativity
Messages to teenagers

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Supporting Artist Educators...

Our offer to artist educators
Over 1100 resources to inspire you

Artist Educator Network
Be a resource contributor

Did you know AccessArt is a Membership Organisation?
AccessArt Believes Everyone Has the Right to be Creative

AccessArt is a UK Charity and we are the leading provider of visual arts resources. We have over 15,000 subscribers and 7000 members across the UK and overseas, all of whom believe in the power of creativity to transform. Show your support and join AccessArt. Members have full access to over 1100+ unique resources to inspire, enable and develop creativity. Membership costs from just £3.50 per month. Find out more about joining AccessArt.

Free to Access Resources

AccessArt has a collection of resources that are free-to-access.

Meet the Team...
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