

The Universal Language of Art

Conversation Brief

Art and storytelling have the power to build trust, to change perceptions, and to build an emotional framework to understand some of the world's most complex issues.

From music, to visual arts and film - the words, sounds and visuals help people to respect diversity, speak a common language, and envision a shared outlook for the future. The universal language of art in all its forms transcends linguistic barriers and often touches at our emotions in a way that helps change perception and behaviour.

The big, bad problems the world faces today - from climate change, to ending world hunger and poverty - will require global understanding, empathy and action to resolve. In this context how can we better

understand art as a powerful ally in promoting tolerance, understanding and meaningful dialogue to move us towards action for a better future?

How does art help us better empathise with each other, and bridge perspectives?

What role does art play in your education or daily lives today? In what ways do you think young people can be more organically engaged in art, either as part of their education systems or in the form of out-of-school activities?

How can art inspire and bring about change in light of some of the issues we face today? What roles can governments and community organisations play in this?

