Teaching Climate Change Youth Social Action through Art

The 'art' found in nature, for example, leaf shapes, bark patterns, tree rings, flower structures, cloud formations, leaf shapes, bark patterns, tree rings, flower structures, cloud formations etc., It can provide excellent stimuli for creative work. Natural objects such as wood, feathers, fruit and materials such as clay can be used to create artwork.

Artists

- Chris Drury (chrisdrury.co.uk)
- Marc Pouyet (marc-pouyet.net)
- Richard Shilling (richardshilling.co.uk)
- Andy Goldsworthy who only uses natural objects (including using plant sap for glue and thorns instead of nails or pins) and leaves nature to 'reclaim' his artwork when he has finished. This can help to develop a 'leave only footprints, take only photographs' approach to working outdoors
- William Morris used leaves to recreate his wallpaper and fabric designs
- JMW Turner focuses on landscapes and David Shepherd focuses on wildlife
- Monet has an impressionist view
- Georgia O'Keefe focuses on detailed studies of flowers
- Research local artists

Nature on Art

How is it represented? Inspiration for drawings.

3D Art

- Natural sculptures
- Installations in natural environments
- Collage/ recycling
- Recycling/ repurposing

Colour

- Finding objects to show subtle colour changes in nature
- Creating natural paint
- Colour matching in nature

Material

- Recycled materials
- Natural dyes
- Natural paints, chalk, charcoal
- sticks/ leaves used in forest school
- sewing/weaving scrap materials
- Natural clay-mud faces
- Recycled materials
- Shadow art using rubbish
- Creating natural paint brushes/ tools

Art In Nature

- Weaving using materials
- Weaving in trees
- Collection of natural materials

Patterns In Nature

- Spirals
- Leaves skeleton, sketch, rubbings, printing
- Fibonacci shells for cones, cauliflower
- Printing