

Strength Through Art Workshop 2025



# **INFORMATION PACK**

### Strength Through ART (stART) – Art & Mental Wellness Programme

Strength Through ART (stART) Workshop: A six-session art-based mental wellness programme focusing on visual and emotional literacy learning for Singaporean youths aged 13 and above.

#### **1. PROJECT DETAILS**

Date:	Please refer to Annex A – 2025 stART Booking Slots for available slots			
Time:	3:00pm – 5:00pm			
Venue:	i) School			
	ii) National Gallery Singapore, 1 St. Andrew's Road, Singapore 178957			
No. of sessions:	6 sessions; 2 hours each			
No. of students:	12 - 15 pax / group			
	(Max. 2 groups of 12 – 15 participants)			
No. of facilitator(s):	1 pax / group			
Cost:	\$168 per participant (including stART Playbook and art materials)			

#### stART Team:

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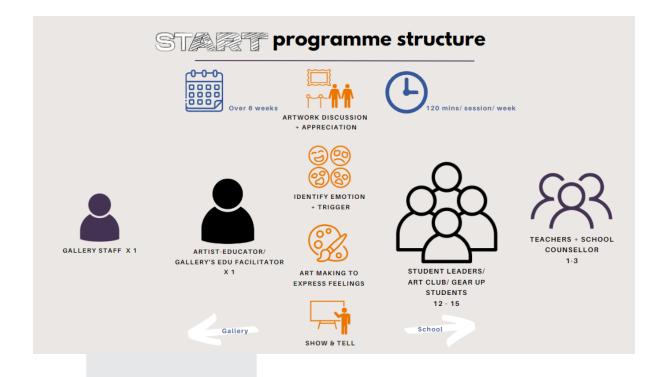
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### 2. PROGRAMME & LESSON OUTLINE



Lesson / Duration / Venue	Lesson 1 (2 hours per session) in school		
Lesson Objective(s)	<ul> <li>Students will:</li> <li>1. Develop emotional awareness and literacy by learning to recognise events / experiences and identify their accompanying emotions</li> </ul>		
Lesson Outcome(s)	<ul> <li>Students will:</li> <li>1. Create a Name Design and mind map that articulates their emotional reactions toward certain objects, persons, events, behaviours, real or fictitious situations</li> </ul>		
Key question(s)	<ol> <li>What are emotions?</li> <li>How do they affect me?</li> </ol>		
Vocabulary to highlight / clarify	Emotions - Complex combination of thoughts, feelings, physical sensations and actions Affect - To have an effect on Awareness - To know and become conscious of something Literacy - Ability to know or have the words to understand and describe something		



Lesson / Duration / Venue	Lesson 2 (2 hours per session) in National Gallery Singapore			
Lesson Objective(s)	Students will:			
	<ol> <li>Develop emotional awareness and literacy by learning to use <u>art</u> <u>imagery</u> to explore, identify and express emotions</li> </ol>			
Lesson Outcome(s)	Students will:			
	<ol> <li>Select and upload 2 artworks on Padlet with a short written explanation of the emotions / memories each work evokes</li> </ol>			
	<ul> <li>1 artwork should evoke a happy / comfortable feeling; 1 artwork should evoke an unhappy / uncomfortable feeling</li> </ul>			
Key question(s)	1. How else can I describe or understand my emotions?			
	2. What makes me feel this way?			
Vocabulary to highlight / clarify	Emotions - Complex combination of thoughts, feelings, physical sensations and actions			
	Affect - To have an effect on			
	Explore - To investigate			
	Identify - To recognise and name			
	Express - make (feelings, thoughts, experiences) known and understandable			
	Awareness - To know and become conscious of something			
	Literacy - Ability to know or have the words to understand and describe something			
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Lesson / Duration / Venue	Lesson 3 (2 hours per session) in National Gallery Singapore		
Lesson Objective(s)	<ul> <li>Students will learn to:</li> <li>1. Apply the See-Think-Wonder routine to distinguish between observations (objective and factual) and interpretations (subjective), examine the connection(s) between personal experiences and interpretations, and be aware of other possible perspectives</li> </ul>		
Lesson Outcome(s)	<ul> <li>Students will:</li> <li>1. Write / draw a critical reflection of an artwork of their choice using the See-Think-Wonder Routine</li> <li>The reflection should include observations of the artwork in relation to subject matter and art elements, examine connections between prior knowledge / experience and interpretations, and consider alternative perspectives</li> </ul>		
Key question(s)	<ol> <li>What is my perspective? What other perspectives are there?</li> <li>What is making me think / feel this way?</li> </ol>		



Vocabulary to highlight / clarify	Observation - Carefully and closely noticing all aspects of something Factual - As something really / actually is	
	Interpretation - Explanation / conclusion drawn from the facts	
	Perspective - A particular way of looking at something or to think about a situation or problem	

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Lesson / Duration / Venue	Lesson 4 (2 hours per session) in school				
Lesson Objective(s)	Students will learn to: 1. Engage with artmaking as a strategy to express uncomfortable thoughts and feelings				
Lesson Outcome(s)	Students will:				
	<ol> <li>Create a figurative or abstract collage/ drawing / painting / sculpture that serves as a tangible metaphor for their uncomfortable / unhappy emotional state         *suggestion to provide choice for greater autonomy. 3D medium will be good for haptic and tactile (less visual) learners     </li> </ol>				
Key question(s)	1. How can I cope with my uncomfortable emotions?				
	2. How else can I express how I feel?				
Vocabulary to highlight / clarify	Cope - to deal with a situation successfully Express - make (feelings, thoughts, experiences) known and understandable				
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	Uncomfortable emotions - emotions that cause distress, unease, sadness and/or pain				

Lesson / Duration / Venue	Lesson 5 (2 hours per session) in school		
Lesson Objective(s)	Students will learn to:		
	<ol> <li>Engage with artmaking as a strategy to identify triggers and explore constructive responses.</li> </ol>		
	<ol> <li>Be aware that it is something inside them that resulted in how they feel. (Trauma isn't what happens to you, it is what happens inside you. – Dr Gabor Mate)</li> </ol>		
	3. Develop strategies for well-being and resilience		
Lesson Outcome(s)	Students will:		
	<ol> <li>Create a figurative or abstract collage/ drawing / painting in response to their uncomfortable / unhappy emotional state, which can serve as a reminder for strategies students can use when they are triggered</li> </ol>		



Key question(s)	<ol> <li>What triggers me, and what happens when I am triggered?</li> <li>Where does the trigger come from? / What could have created this trigger?</li> <li>What can I do when I am triggered?</li> </ol>			
Vocabulary to highlight / clarify	Trigger - an event / object / person that sets off a series of emotions, thoughts and actions			
	Automatic responses - immediate and unthinking reaction to something or someone			
	Constructive responses - reactions that are beneficial and useful			
	Strategies - a plan of action used to achieve a goal			
	Well-being - the state of being comfortable, healthy and happy			
	Resilience - the ability to recover quickly from difficulties			
	Manage - to successfully control a difficult situation			

Lesson / Duration / Venue	Lesson 6 (2 hours per session) in school			
Lesson Objective(s)	Students will learn to:			
	1. Respond to triggers in a more effective and self-protective manner.			
	<ol> <li>Identify and articulate strategies to manage uncomfortable emotions.</li> </ol>			
	<ol> <li>Acknowledge the importance to sit with discomfort as a way to create space for them to manage difficult feelings</li> </ol>			
Lesson Outcome(s)	Students will:			
	1. Tap into their comfortable and uncomfortable / unhappy emotional state and explore metaphorically with art to reframe their thinking.			
Key question(s)	1. What can I do to help and protect myself when I am triggered?			
Vocabulary to highlight / clarify	Respond - Thoughtful and intentional reaction (different from react - which is usually immediate, unthinking and unintentional)			
	Self-protective - Sustaining and helpful actions that keep the Self safe from harm or injury (the opposite of self-harm)			
	Strategies - a plan of action used to achieve a goal			
	Manage - to successfully control a difficult situation			
	Uncomfortable emotions - emotions that cause distress, unease, sadness and/or pain			



## 3. NOTE TO SCHOOL

TIMELINE	ACTION FROM SCHOOL
Pre-Programme (At least 1.5 months	Submit <u>completed stART Workshop booking form</u> to receive confirmation of booking
before Session 1)	<ul> <li>Secure and confirm an art room (or any room with tables, chairs, projector and sink) for sessions 1, 4, 5, 6</li> <li>*We do not recommend the school's recreation room as it could be less conducive towards the programme experience</li> </ul>
	□ Confirm no. of participants <u>at least 1 week before</u> session 1
	*Amount billed will be according to confirmed no. of pax
	<ul> <li>Share the basic profile of the students (i.e. class, level, age, general engagement level in class and any special notes)</li> </ul>
	□ Arrange for teacher(s) to be present throughout all 6 sessions
	Submit participants' name list to receive Certificate of Participation at the end of programme
Session 1	Gallery's facilitators will distribute the first programme booklet, Name,
Location: <u>School</u>	to each student at Session 1.
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Session 2 & 3	Bring the activity binder and booklets
Location: <u>National</u> Gallery Singapore	Ensure students have their PLD
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Session 4 & 5	Encourage students' participation and manage classroom behavior
Location: School	Engage in the activities! Teachers are welcome to participate.
	<ul> <li>Collect and help store students' artworks, Playbook binder and booklets safely</li> </ul>
Session 6	Bring the activity binder and booklets
Location: <u>School</u>	Ensure students have their PLD



	Take attendance
	Encourage students' participation and manage classroom behavior
	Engage in the activities! Teachers are welcome to participate.
	Assist with the group photo-taking at end of session and hand out Certificates of Participation
	Ensure students complete the participant feedback form to help us improve the quality of the programme
	Teacher to complete the programme survey
	Facilitate payment of programme to National Gallery Singapore

#### **Related Wellness Resources**

#### - Care Collection Cards – Conversation Cards

The cards are recommended as a resource for teachers to help students build their selfexpression practice through its conversation prompts.

For information on the Care Collection Cards, visit <u>www.nationalgallery.sg/care-collection-</u> <u>cards</u>. Purchase requests may be directed to programme organizer.

