

## Celebrating our Community

### Overview:

As part of our City of Culture programme of events and activities here at Warwick, during July we are 'Celebrating our Community'. As we celebrate our community, both within our University and our local area of Coventry and Warwickshire, we have a mini project challenge for you to complete within your classroom: 'What does your community mean to you?'

### What does our community mean to us?




At Warwick, our community is made up of thousands of students, staff and visitors, who are all members of their wider communities – whether that's the street they live on, the schools and clubs their families join, their town or city or the wider region. Where we can help, we encourage each other to volunteer, for example, packing hampers at a food bank, planting new trees, becoming a school governor, or repairing old laptops to help people learn from home.

As we seek to be one of the world's exceptional universities, we want to transform our region, country and world for the collective good. We want to make it a better place for those who study, live and work here and more sustainable for future generations. That includes creating welcoming environments for everyone on and off our campus.

We want all communities to benefit from our great people, teaching, research and facilities. We offer advice to small businesses to help them succeed and Warwick researchers offer free lectures on the latest advances in science, technology and more. Our beautiful campus is open for the public to explore and use our sports facilities, plus there are some great shows to watch at Warwick Arts Centre. We work collaboratively with our wider community and listen to what people need so we can have a positive impact on our local area.

### Mini Project Brief:

By focussing on these three questions:

-  **What does a community mean to you?**
-  **What does it mean to be part of your community or neighbourhood?**
-  **How does your community help you grow and thrive?**

We want you to create a window freeze, display board, poster, digital display, PowerPoint slide, or something similar that celebrates your community and shows what's important to you.

You'll need to decide how you want to display your project and which part of your community you'd like to concentrate on. You could think about your classroom community, your school community, the wider community where your school is or the larger community around where you live. It's your community and it's your choice!

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### How to complete the project:

We'd like you to show us what makes your community so special to you. What messages, stories, values do you need to include in your design to best represent this and what items, pictures or phrases can you include to demonstrate these. We also want to know how you work together as a class to bring your design to completion.

Using the resources box we've sent you, along with IT equipment and any stationary within your own classroom to enable you to design, draw, print, cut and create your 'Celebration of Community' display, we want you to capture your final creation by taking a photo or saving a copy of it and sending it back to us with a short explanation on how you came up with the design, the reasons you have included the things that you have and what you did in your classroom community to work together to successfully complete the project.

### Submitting your Entry:

Once you have completed your 'Celebrating our Community' mini project, Ask your Teacher to:

- Take a photo or save a copy of the digital file of your work.
- Email this photo/digital file to [outreach@warwick.ac.uk](mailto:outreach@warwick.ac.uk) with the following information.
  - Your class/ group name and school name
  - Your Year group / age group
  - The number of students who contributed to the submitted design/mini project.
  - An explanation of what your design shows (150 words max)
  - An explanation on why you decided on your final design and how you all worked together to complete the project (250 words max)
- You need to send the above information back to us by end of day **Wednesday 21 July 2021**

Once we have received all submissions, we'll display these on our 'Summer Series Celebrating our Community' webpage. We'll send you a link to this webpage once everything is live and you'll be able to see everyone's entries here.

Our panel of judges will look at all your submissions and explanations and will decide on the overall winning entry based on these. We will announce the winner as soon as decision has been made.

### As a thank you and the overall mini project challenge prize:

As a thank you, and to recognise all the hard work you have put into your designs and your submissions, once it is safe to do so, we'd like to invite each submission group to visit us on campus, to look around in person and to find out more about what our community means to us.

For the winning entry, on top of our invitation to join us here to explore our campus and find out what our community means to us, while you are here, you'll also get a VIP behind the scenes tour of our newly redeveloped Warwick Arts Centre and we'll also treat you to a movie screening in our brand-new cinema complex all paid for by us!

### Any Questions....

If you have any questions about any of the information here, please do email us @ [outreach@warwick.ac.uk](mailto:outreach@warwick.ac.uk) and we'll get back to you as quickly as possible.

**Thank you, good luck with this mini project and we hope you enjoy taking part!**

### The small print (for teachers):

#### Submitting your Entry:

Submissions of your 'Celebrating our Community' creations need to be emailed to us at [outreach@warwick.ac.uk](mailto:outreach@warwick.ac.uk) along with:

- Your Class/Group and school name
- Your year groups.
- how many students were involved in creating the submission?
- an explanation of what your design depicts.
- an explanation of why the class came up with this design and how the class worked together to achieve their final submission and successfully complete the task.

**All submissions need to be sent to us by Wednesday 21 July 2021** (around the end of term for most schools). If you need to submit earlier due to your end of term being earlier, please do so.

#### Image consent:

By submitting your entry, you give us permission to use your submissions on our 'Summer Series Celebrating our Community' webpage as well as in other promotional material to highlight similar activities, opportunities, and challenges in support of our City of Culture programme and ongoing Widening Participation work.

Where possible we will credit your school with the image, but no monies will be associated with its use.

Please try to ensure that there are no images of your students within the mini project submission, but if your submission has images of your students within it, then you confirm with us as part of the submission that you have image consent permissions for them all and that we can use their image as outlined above.

Alongside your submission image, we love it if you could capture some images of your students undertaking the challenge as well as a whole class photo with their final submission. These images will not be used or displayed within any marketing or publicity material without consent from you in advance and we would ask for confirmation of image consent permissions beforehand.

#### Invitation to campus and the winning submission prize:

As part of the invitation to visit us here on campus, only classes/groups who submit an entry to the mini project challenge will be invited to a face-to-face visit on campus as part of this summer series promise. As a school you do not need to take up this offer to visit but we would really like to opportunity for your students, who have worked so hard on their entry, to have this opportunity to see what goes on here in our University of Warwick community.

The dates and availability of campus visits will be arranged between us and you as teachers once all submissions have been received and social distancing allows us to bring you onto campus.

For the winning entry, alongside the information above, we'll need to ensure the dates, times and availability of suitable movies are arranged with you as teachers so that you can take advantage of the prize while you are visiting us.

Any arranged visits are subject to changes in relation to the Covid-19 roadmap to easing of restrictions and what we can offer in an ongoing socially distanced experience.

#### Safeguarding:

For safeguarding and security purposes we'll need a teacher to accompany all students to the campus and remain with them for the length of the visit. We'll also need the names of all students visiting so we have a record of numbers on campus and know who is on site at any one time. We'll send further information on this over to you once dates for a visit have been identified.

#### Follow up contact:

Although these visits will be for the students who submitted an entry and their teachers, we'd like to reach out to the families of the students to offer more information on University and future opportunities to engage with us. We will therefore give a further contact form/weblink for parents/carers to fill out to keep in touch with us.

