

ART FOR CHANGE

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Youth-led | Arts-based | Civic action

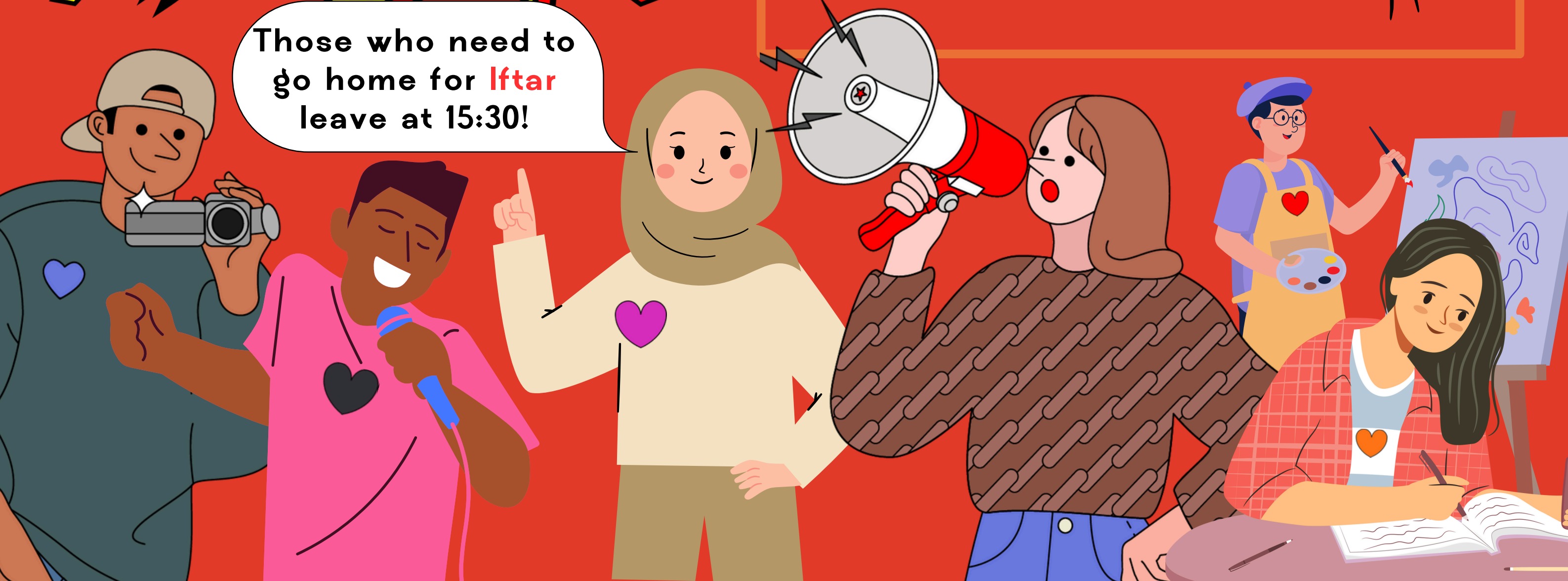
Saturdays: 11:00 - 16:00*

Workshops: Feb 22nd
March 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd
Showcase: March 29th

Queen's University Belfast
Peter Froggatt Centre
Brian Friel Theatre

The Art For Change programme empowers youth to address an issue affecting their mental health, through a chosen art medium and to share their art work publicly to drive social change. The programme fosters Social and Emotional Learning, intercultural connections, and activism.

Those who need to go home for **Iftar** leave at 15:30!



There are funded spaces for 30 youth (8 - 15 years) and from immigrant, asylum seeking, refugee and vulnerable backgrounds. Groups will be coached by Juanita Rea and a team of socially engaged artists that include Nandi Jola. We provide all materials and lunch. We are accepting registrations from parents, coordinators from organisations, groups or schools, as well as youth. **We also have launched Art For Change AluMentors** for previous participants to develop their leadership skills further, by mentoring new participants.

Registrations close Feb 7th



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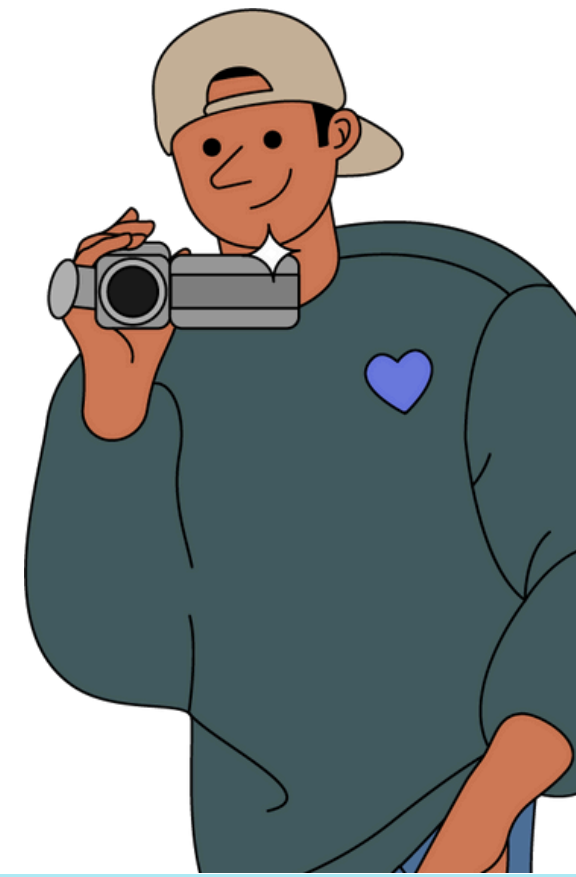
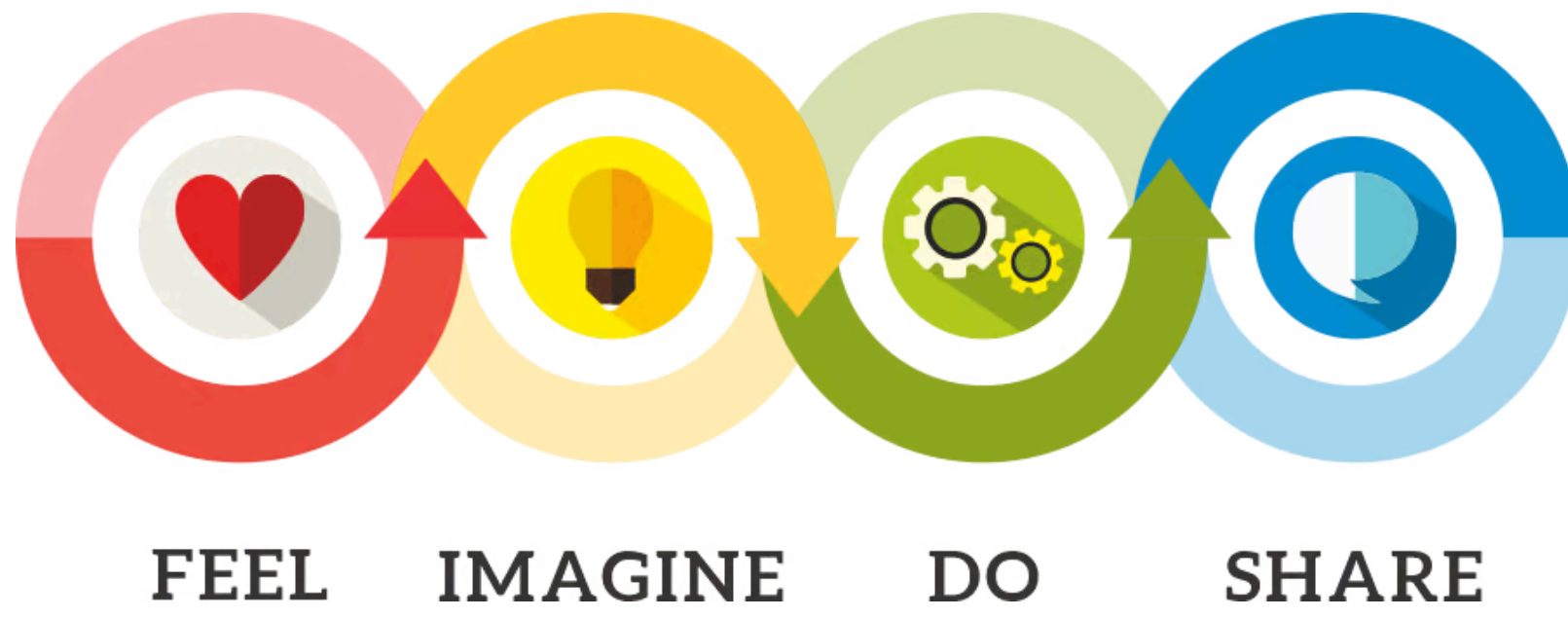
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Design For Change Global Movement

Art For Change is part of the globally awarded Design For Change (DFC) movement. Since 2010, DFC has empowered 2 million youth in 70 countries to be changemakers using our globally acclaimed FIDS framework (Feel, Imagine, Do, Share) to take action on issues they are affected by.

Youth-led projects are aligned to the UN Sustainable Development Goals and nurture youth wellbeing, leadership skills, intercultural connections and activism.



A. Overview by eduSOIL and DFC NI Founder, Juanita Rea



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Q2KgYL8Q5RQ>

B. 2023 – 2024 Stories of Change from NI

<https://www.edusoil.com/artforchange2023.html>

<https://sites.google.com/edusoil.com/afc24virtualshowcase>

C. Stories of change from around the world



stories.dfcworld.org

Be The Change: Japan, November 2025

Youth who participate in Art For Change 2025 and submit a story of change will be considered as NI representatives at the 2025 Be The Change Global Celebration in Japan this November*

Organized annually, the **'Be The Change' (BTC)** celebration provides our young superheroes from across the world a platform to showcase their stories of change.

Participation does not guarantee selection, neither does it guarantee funding for the trip. It does open doors to the opportunity and eduSOIL will work with selected representatives to support their fundraising efforts. See our 2024 campaign here.



In 2024, with a separate fundraising initiative, we enabled 3 youth from NI and 1 from Sudan to represent their countries at the Be the Change Global Celebrations Dubai.



DFC Global Student Council

Youth who participate in Art For Change 2025 and submit a story of change are also considered as DFC Student Council members. Watch this video of Karma Vyas DFC NI Student Council Member 2024 to learn how Art For Change opens up to fantastic global interactions and leadership opportunities for youth.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7erQt4PQ78w>

Art For Change 2025 Overview

WORKSHOPS: Saturdays, 11:00 - 16:00 | Feb 22nd, March 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd | Peter Froggatt Centre, 7, 9 College Park E, BT7 1PS & Brian Friel Theatre Rehearsal Rm

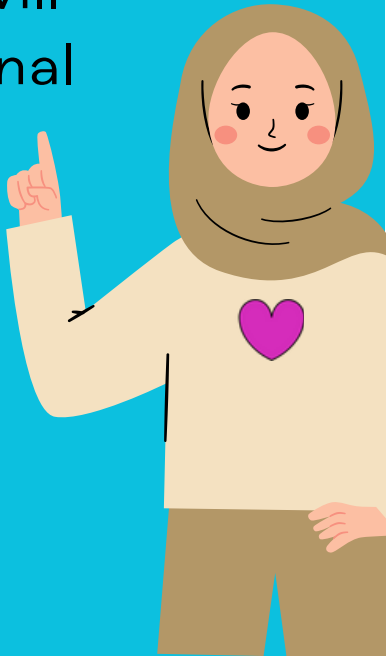
SHOWCASE: Saturday, March 29th | 13:30 - 15:30 | Brian Friel Theatre, 20 University Sq, BT7 1NN

MEALS: Lunch provided at all sessions

TRAVEL REFUNDS: per submission of receipts and tracking sheet at final session

We provide:

- Workshop Materials ie. workbooks, stationery, art materials, participant access only website, text-based support
- Personalised attention. i.e each group will have only 5 youth with 1 mentor and will be supervised by a team of professional artists
- Coaching and guidance by socially-engaged artists who we recruit, train and conduct safeguarding checks on. This team is led by eduSOIL/ DFC NI Founder/CEO, Juanita Rea.



Participant Criteria For Funded Spaces and Registration Process

There are 30 funded spaces for youth (8 - 15 years) from immigrant, asylum seeking, refugee and vulnerable backgrounds, with numerous **sign up options:**

- **Parent Sign Up Option 1:** Parents can sign up their children individually, discuss with other parents to form a group of 5 and ensure that every group is supervised by a mentor who is 18+. The mentor can be an older sibling/relative, trusted adult and will oversee transport, attendance etc.
- **Parent Sign Up Option 2:** Parents can sign up their children individually and we will place them in groups and connect parents so they can decide on transport and mentorship arrangements.
- **Community Organisations/Groups Sign up:** A coordinator identifies 5 youth and submits their names, age, gender, ethnicity. Then they send the form for the parents to give consent and provide further information regarding dietary needs. The coordinator can also join as the mentor, or assign one. The mentor (18 + years) will coordinate and supervise travel, attendance and participation in the programme.
- **School Groups Sign up:** The School identifies 5 youth and one mentor, submits their names, age, gender, ethnicity. Then they send the form for the parents to give consent and provide further information regarding dietary needs. The accompanied mentor can be teachers/staff, parents (18 + years) who will coordinate and supervise travel, attendance and participation through the programme.
- **Sign up as an AluMentor:** This is specifically for Art For Change Alumni who participated in our 2023 or 2024 programmes to develop their leadership skills by mentoring new participants throughout the programme. AluMentors support their group members use the FEEL-IMAGINE-DO-SHARE steps to take action on issues affecting their wellbeing, just like they have done in the past. We will present Art For Change AluMentor Certificates at our showcase that will include the total number of community service hours..

Shared Investment



The cost of the programme is £400 per youth OR £2,000 per group of 5. Your investment is your trust, time and participation. We have only 30 slots! Don't miss out!

