

The Welcome launch on Saturday the 26th March 2022 will see new temporary public art installations revealed in Rainham town centre. As part of this, Creatabot is inviting people in Rainham to create collages, sketches and artworks inspired by people and places in Rainham.

We invite you to create an A4 piece of artwork inspired by people and places in Rainham and then post this online with the hashtags below. If you are a teacher, feel free to add the name of your school and names as consent allows. The next sheet will provide some inspiration to get you started!

> #CreativeMedway #WelcomeBackProject #WelcomeToRainham

This opportunity is funded by The Welcome Back Fund from the European Regional Development Fund, and administered by the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government (MHCLG).

The objective for this funding is to create and promote a safe environment for local trade and tourism, particularly in high streets, as their economies continue to cope with the effects of the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic.













Here are some inspiring people and places for your artwork!

The Oast Community Centre

Granary Close, Rainham, Kent. ME8 7SG



The Oast has overlooked Rainham Station for over a hundred years. It was built by a local family and business, the Wakeley Brothers. The Oast House was their largest building. It was built using their own bricks and tiles in the late 1800s. There were 2 kilns for drying and packing hops and storage for harvested fruit and grain. The Oast House was their main office.

Edwin Jelly's Clothing Hat and Boot Store (now Hon's Chinese restaurant)





Edwin Jelly's Clothing Hat & Boot Stores was located on Rainham High Street at the junction with Pudding Lane. Jelly was born in 1853. He was director of the Rainham Land Company. He was also involved in securing the land for Rainham Recreational Ground. Edwin Road is named after him.

Bloors Place and the Ghost of Christopher Bloor





One of the oldest houses in Medway, originally built at some point between 1470 and 1510, was Christopher Bloor's home. It is rumoured that the headless ghost of Christopher can still be seen driving his horse and cart along Lower Rainham Road to Bloors Place.













Zine tips

... If you are going to photocopy your zine, then making it in black ink is the easiest - you could colour bits in after you've photocopied it with pens or pencils, or photocopy it onto coloured paper.

... You could cut out images and make a collage or photo zine.

... You could write a story on this front side, and draw a picture on the other side.

What would you make a zine about?

fold along this dotted line - 3rd

How to fold this zine...

text

goes in this direction

This zine is double sided, so you can put photos and images on both sides of the paper. The arrows show you which way up your pictures and writing should go and the dotted lines indicate the 'pages'.

1) With the paper flat in front of you, landscape style, fold it into thirds following the order indicated. It might be easier to turn the paper over briefly to help get straight folds. Turn it back so the cover page is in front of you.

2) Fold along dotted line no. 3.

It's as easy as that! Happy zine making! Wordsmithery's guide to making your own zine from I sheet of paper

Welcome Zine! Welcome Zine!



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Eight local artists have been commissioned to create an outdoor gallery of temporary artworks in the town centres for the community to enjoy. These artworks celebrate and share everything that makes the town centres special and welcoming places for people to live, work and visit.

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what is a zine?

(pronounced 'zeen', like magazine)

A zine is a small personal magazine you can handmake about something you really like.

They are great for expressing your views, and being creative at the same time!

You can make it out of 1 sheet of paper and fill it with whatever you like - you could make a zine about where you live, about your family, about your pets, or about anything!

You can stick in photos, draw, and write on both sides, then fold the sheet like this example to make a zine.

1 sheet of paper = 12 pages!

Follow the instructions on this side of paper to make a square format double sided 12-page zine.

You could use as big a sheet of paper as you have handy - an A3 sheet will fold down to an approximately 14cm square zine. A sheet of A4 like this will fold down to the size of one of the marked sections.

Print this 2-page file out doublesided with no size reduction to use this guide as a template to practise the layout and folding of your zine. The dotted lines indicate where the pages will fold.

Inside pages

These pages will all face the same way - so you could fill the space with one image, like a poster, or you could keep to the individual square 'pages' to tell a sequesntial story.

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Top Tip!

Remember to leave a margin around your text, like the one shown in this box, so that it doesn't go over the folds!

What would your Welcome Zine be about?