

We Belong

Zine Classes



A New Direction invites to take part in our virtual We Belong zine workshop. 😎



We have created some YouTube tutorials and collated some inspiration to get your creativity flowing.



This is an opportunity for you to learn how to make a zine and get a taster of the workshops we run as part of [We Belong](#) – our programme for young people in care.



This is Kirsty

She's the artist who will guide you through the steps of making your zine.

We will also be working with the Daikon zine collective. You can find out more about them at daikon.co.uk

What do I need to do?

Simply follow the steps below in your own time to create your very own zine. Do as little or as much as you like. All you will need to take part is pens, paper, scissors and the internet.

What are zines?

Zines are a great way to share your thoughts, opinions and artwork with others. They are small booklets which focus on expression and creativity. They can be hand-made, photo-copied or digital. You can see some more zine inspo Kirsty found online [here](#).

1 Making a zine

[Watch this video](#) ↓ from Kirsty, where she shows you how to make an 8-page booklet using just a piece of paper and some scissors. **(5 mins)**

[Read this blog](#) written for you by the Daikon zine collective about working together with others to make a zine. It includes some great prompts and questions to get you thinking about the content of your zine. **(10 mins)**



2 Creating content for your zine

[Watch this video](#) ↓ from Kirsty where she shows you some different types of zines she has made. Then think about what you want to say and put in your zine. **(5 mins)**



3 Collage, poetry and other techniques

[Watch this video](#) → from Kirsty, where she shows you how to collage, make pockets for secret notes and create blackout poetry. **(5 mins)**

For more ideas on poetry, [check out these poems](#) Kirsty found. **(15 mins)**

If you would rather make a digital zine, [watch this video](#) from Kirsty, where she explains how to use some free software online using [Flipsnack](#) and the [Adobe Capture app](#). **(10 mins)**



More content inspiration

Here are some more resources and ideas to help you fill the pages of your zine.

- 💡 You can find more poetry inspiration on [the Poetry Society website](#), or [the Poet in the City YouTube channel](#) **(suggested 20 mins)**
- 💡 If you like collaging, Sarah Pimenta from [Social Fabric](#) has a great idea [here](#) **(suggested 15 mins)**
- 💡 For illustration ideas, check out these prompts from The Drawing Room - [Gabriella Boyd's Inside Out](#) and [Sofia Niazi's Mish Mash](#) **(suggested 20 mins)**
- 💡 If comics are more your thing, illustrator Andy Hammond who works on Pokémon has [a great video](#) on how to come up with your own comic character **(suggested 10 mins)**
- 💡 Want to be inspired by works of art? Why not try [visiting Google Arts and Culture](#) for a virtual tour of a museum or gallery, or [check out this searchable collection of art](#) owned by the government **(suggested 20 mins)**

Please remember to stay safe online. If you want to share your zine online or with others, make sure that it **doesn't contain any personal information** such as your mobile number, email or home address. You can find out more on [Childline's website](#) or [ThinkuKnow](#).