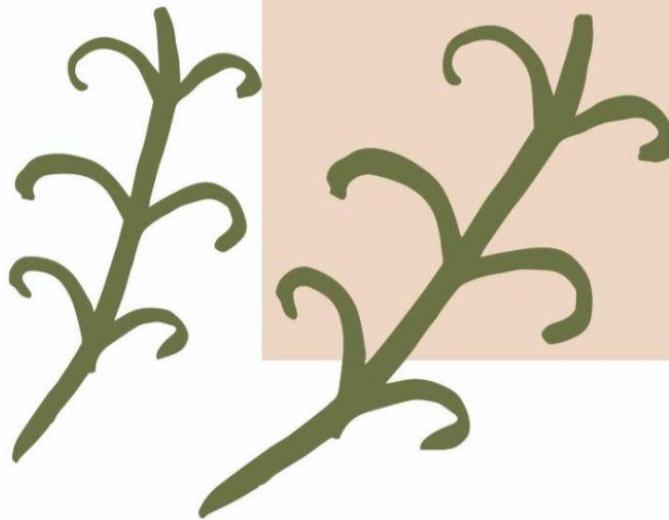




SATURDAY ART CLUB AT HOME

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This week's **Saturday Art Club** activity will hopefully bring some inspiration during the October break. **Playing with Nature** is an activity taken from '*A Sense of Bishop Loch*', an art project that took place last autumn and earlier this year in the Bishop Loch and Easterhouse area.

During the project, artists Alice Dansey-Wright and Audrey O'Brien with Forest Ranger Eilidh Malcom worked closely with the local community, Abbey Court Residential Home and Lochend High School to explore their memories of the Loch and to create new

experiences through multi sensory walks and activities. These journeys have inspired a creative activity pack which will be shared later this Autumn and we wanted to share this activity of a taster of things to come.

Get dressed for the weather, head outside and take a picnic or some snacks!



Here are the instructions:

1. Take a bag with you and head outside - it could be your garden, a local park or a woodland area.
2. Whilst on your walk, collect a variety of natural materials from the ground - try and get a really good selection. Your bag might contain: twigs and logs, beautiful bright autumn leaves, fallen seeds, conkers, moss, grass, small stones... anything that catches your eye.
3. Find a good surface to lay out all your materials. This could be your kitchen table (with paper or fabric on top) or it could be the top of a tree stump or a picnic blanket. Have a good look through everything you have collected.
4. Think about how you could make a picture using the materials - does anything remind you of something you could represent in image form? (twigs can look like trees, leaves can look like boats. seeds can look like spaceships!).
5. Try to make a picture by arranging your materials. If you can, take a picture of your arrangement and share it with us!
6. If you prefer, perhaps you could try to create a pattern or miniature sculpture with your found materials instead.
7. Finally, can any of the materials you found be turned into artist's tools? experiment by dipping your materials in paint and ink and drawing with them.



A Sense of Bishops Loch was commissioned by the Seven Lochs Wetland Park and Forestry and Land Scotland, with support from Platform.

You can find more information about Bishops Loch on the 7 Lochs website [here](#) or on the Forestry and Land website [here](#), where there are walks and trail suggestions.

We would love to see your wonderful creations, share your work on social media and tag [@platformglasgow](#) and use the hashtags #satartclub #creativitymatters and #artistsudio if you can! Or email photos to info@platform-online.co.uk with a note of your name, age and if you are happy for us to share with our followers.

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