



YSP



Talking Together

Hold to This Earth

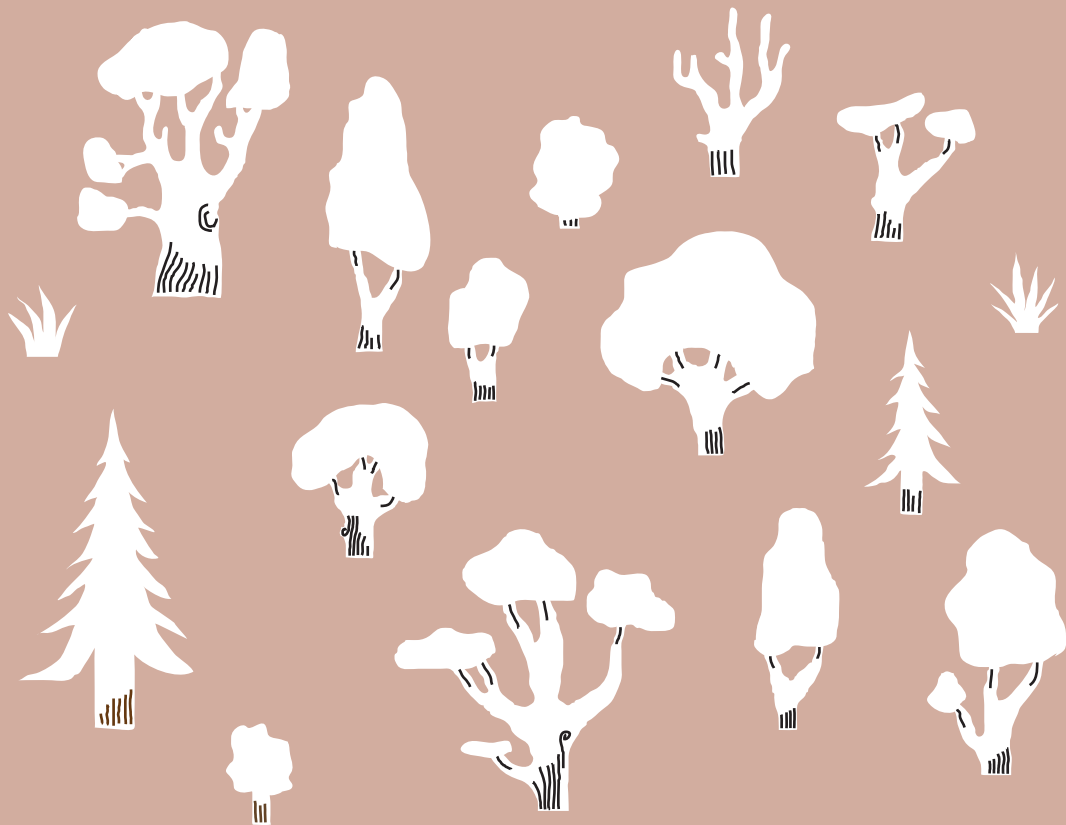


Indigenous people have lived on the lands now known as North America for thousands of years.

The Indigenous artists in this exhibition make artworks that explore today's world and think about their ancestors' deep connection to nature.

Pick a card and talk together.

Think, share and notice.



Spend time with one artwork

What draws you to this work?

Was it the material, the colour, the story it tells, or something else?

Look for one minute.

Talk together, what did you notice?

How does it make you feel?

What would you tell someone else about this artwork?



Seek out a material

The artists here work with many different materials including clay, earth, animal skin, wool, beads, wood, natural pigment and found objects.

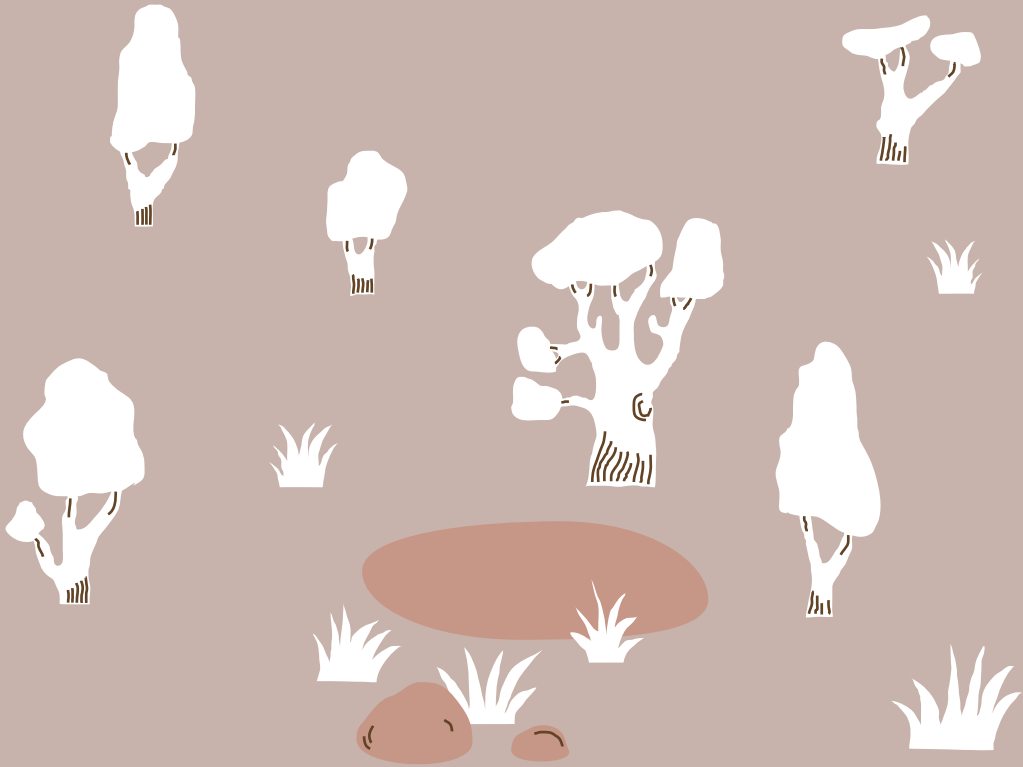
Each material carries its own history.

Think about why each artist might have chosen their materials.

Where might the materials have been used before?

What would you like to make an artwork from? Why?

What story might it tell?



Colours of the land

Look for colours that feel like the land, the water, and the sky.
Look for shapes that remind you of natural things such as rocks, trees, animals and plants.

Today you are in a Yorkshire landscape.

What did you notice outside before you came in?

What do you imagine the landscapes that these artists have been inspired by are like?

Share a story or a memory of a place in nature that makes you feel happy.



Traditions passed down

Indigenous traditions are often passed down through making. Many of the artists have learned through watching someone's hands and through making things together.

Is there something you know how to do because someone showed you?

What would you like to learn?

What do we lose when traditions and ways of making are not passed on?

Find an artwork that was made using traditional skills.
Think about the hands that made it and the hands that taught it.

Holding

This exhibition is called *Hold to This Earth*.

Many of these artists think of land as something that holds memory and knows about the people who have lived on it.

Some artworks explore what has changed and what has been lost.

Talk together about places having memories.

Imagine if the trees at YSP could talk.

Some have been here for hundreds of years.

What might they tell us about the people who were here before you, and before the Park existed?

What would like to wish for the trees in their future?

What do you wish for your future?



Ask each other

Find somewhere to stand together and look around you.

Choose an artwork that you want to find out more about.

Ask someone with you:

What is one thing you never want to forget?

Now let them ask you:

What is something that has gone from your life that you miss?

Talk together about what you can do to make sure something precious is not lost?