



*Face Britain* is the UK's largest mass collaborative art project which offers everyone aged 4-16 years the opportunity to engage in the art of self-portraiture.

Children & the Arts is a registered charity that champions the power of the arts to transform lives. *Face Britain* is not only the UK's largest mass collaborative art project, but is also Guinness World Records attempt for "The most artists working on the same art installation". The purpose is to provide a unique snapshot of how the nation's young people see themselves by creating a self-portrait that can be uploaded onto the *Face Britain* online gallery brought to life by PhotoBox. Portraits at all levels of skill and in any medium are acceptable, including drawing, textiles, 3D, painting, graphics and photography.

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*Face Britain* has been designed with schools in mind, and the website features ideas for introducing *Face Britain* across a range of subjects including History, Citizenship, Art & Design and ICT amongst others. The website also contains links to online teaching resources provided by OCR, the National

Portrait Gallery in London and the National Archives.

All self portraits will be celebrated in a number of exciting ways around the UK. In addition the portraits will be used to create a unique montage image to celebrate HM The Queen's Diamond Jubilee. This image will be projected onto Buckingham Palace in April 2012 along with individual self portraits by young people from across the UK.

So far over 700 UK schools have signed up for the project and have uploaded almost 9000 portraits already. More are added to the gallery every day! **The project is completely free of charge and is not a competition; it is open to every child aged 4-16.**

For further information, details on how schools can register to take part and to view the online gallery, please see [www.facebritain.org.uk](http://www.facebritain.org.uk) (designed with the young people involved in mind) and <http://parents.facebritain.org.uk>

