

A photograph of children in red uniforms painting at a table. In the foreground, a glass holds several paintbrushes. The table is covered with a red cloth featuring white polka dots and has paint palettes and brushes on it. In the background, two adults are visible, one standing and one sitting, in a bright, indoor setting.

The Art of Growing Up

Aideen Howard, The Ark, Dublin



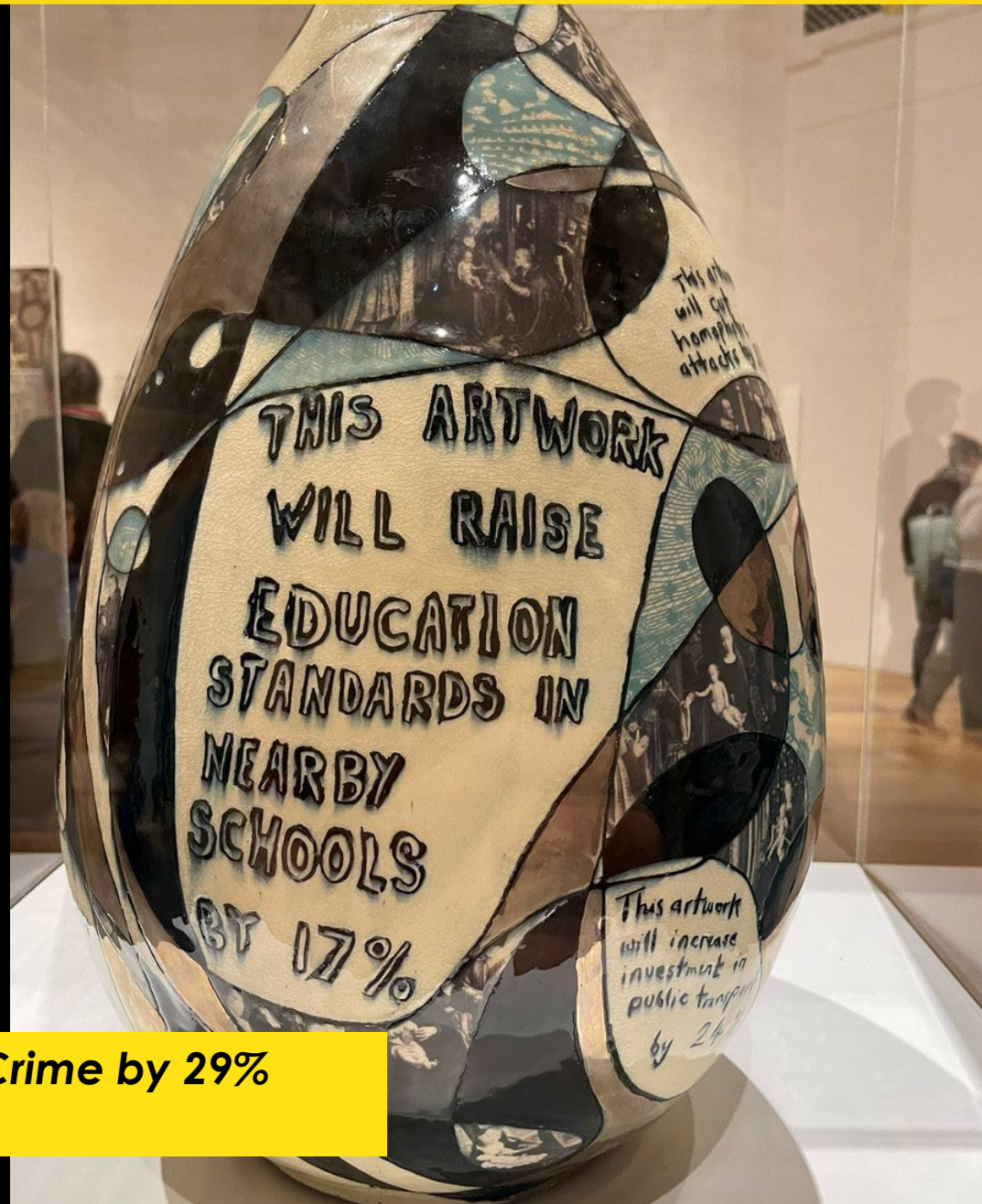
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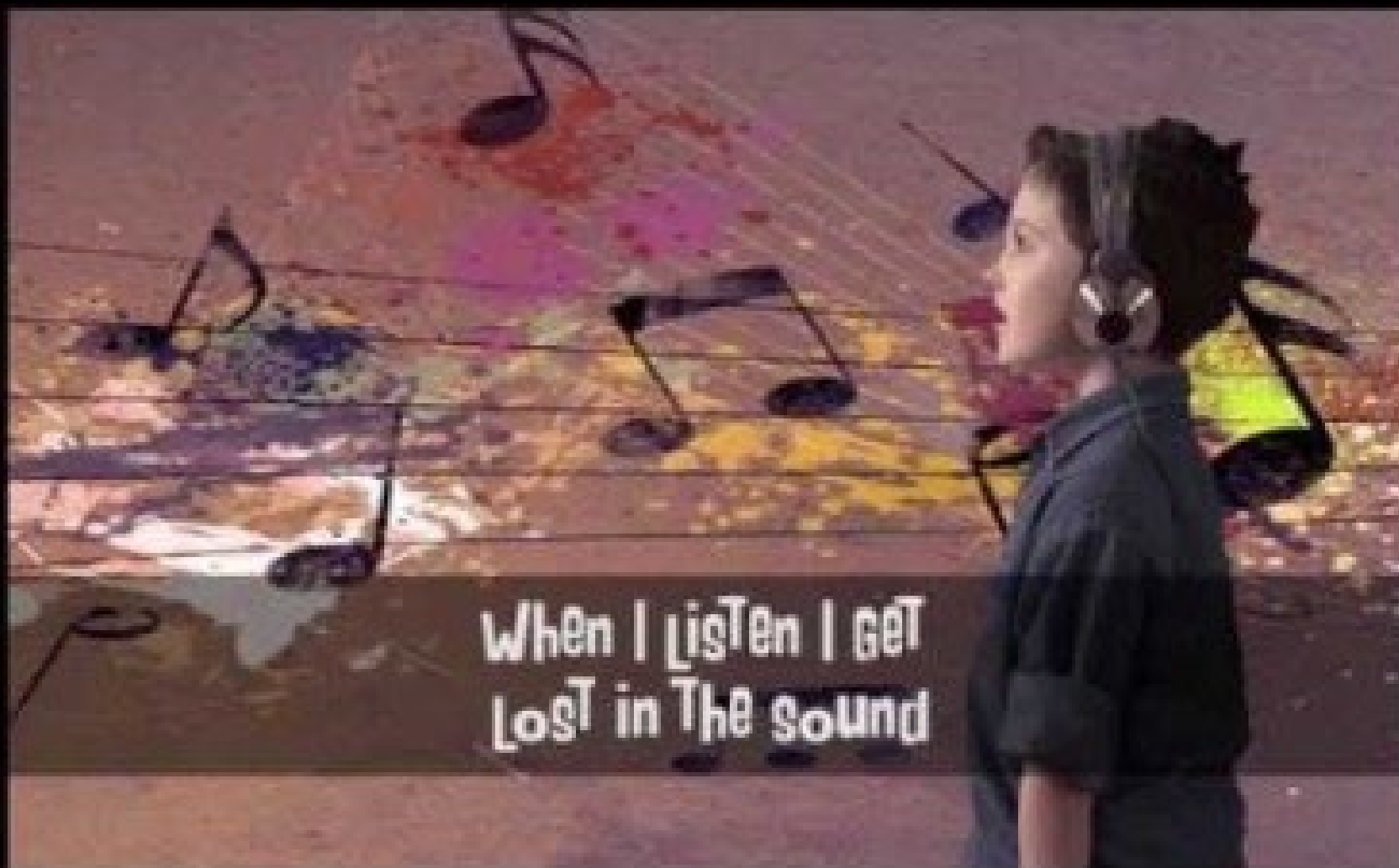
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**Love Songs as part of *BIG BANG* Dublin!
Installed in The Ark, 2023**



This Pot Will Reduce Crime by 29%
Grayson Perry, 2007



Rutland Street Rap
The Ark and GMC Beats, 2015



***Give Trad a Try as part of TradFest
The Ark, 2020***



OUR
FOUNDING
PRINCIPLES

The Ark's vision, mission and values are inspired by Article 31 of the UN Convention on the Rights of The Child [1989] which was ratified by Ireland in 1992.

"State Parties recognise the right of the child to rest and leisure, to engage in play and recreational activities appropriate to the age of the child and to participate freely in cultural life and the arts."

"State Parties shall respect and promote the right of the child to participate fully in cultural and artistic life and shall encourage the provision of appropriate and equal opportunities for cultural, artistic, recreational and leisure activity."





Creative response area
The Ark, 2022



Designing a Children's Council logo
The Ark, 2016





The Ark Children's Council



**Meeting An Taoiseach
Government Buildings, 2017**



Right Here Right Now!
Children's Rally, Feb 2023





What Will You Say?
The Ark, Elaine Mai and MayKay, 2023





Right Here Right Now!
Irish Rail poster campaign



HEAR OUR VOICE!

Instructions on how to listen to children from
The Ark Children's Council.

We all have the right to express our views. An opinion is like a
tiny seed that can grow into a giant tree in the future.
Grown-ups need to listen to us. Here's how!

Always ask. Always listen.

Be respectful.

Consider comfort. Consider creativity.

Different needs, different options.

Encourage.

Feedback and follow up.

Give plenty of time.



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The Ark, 2022

A woman with braided hair, wearing a red coat over a white shirt and blue jeans, is captured in a dynamic pose as if running or dancing. She is in the center of the frame. The background is dark, filled with numerous vertical blue light streaks that resemble rain. Behind her is a long, low wooden bench. On the bench, there are several red, crumpled fabric items, possibly garments, and a row of small, warm-toned lights along its back edge. The floor is dark and reflective.

What Did I Miss?
The Ark and Brightening Air, 2021





Lookout
The Ark and Dublin Fringe, 2022





***A Visual Arts Approach in the Classroom
The Ark, 2023***



Tracks in the Snow
Live From The Ark, 2021



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