# THE VERMONT MURAL PROJECT









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# "There is no power for change greater than a community discovering what it cares about."

- Margaret Wheatley

**The Vermont Mural Project** invites communities across the state to join in dialogue to explore and articulate their vision for social and environmental justice in Vermont. This project brings together young people, educators, cultural organizers, artists, business leaders and community members from all walks of life to envision solutions and strengthen Vermont's capacity to achieve social and environmental justice.

### **Who Can Participate?**

Anyone is welcome to participate. **Educators and young people** create a mural team by attending the Project Design Lab in July. Participating educators can earn graduate credits and young people can earn school proficiencies. **Community partners** can be part of a local mural team and/or can join the statewide coalition of organizations supporting the project.

#### **How Will It Work?**

Facilitated by the Community Engagement Lab (CEL), Vermont Folklife Center, and Juniper Creative Arts, mural teams will be guided through a creative dialogue and collaborative mural-making process for their community. Project teams will work alongside Vermont teaching artists, nationally recognized mural artists, and neighbors to inspire community connection, reveal shared values and express a collective vision for a better future.

#### 2021 Timeline

January-April BUILD your team and register by June 1

July 12-15 PLAN your project at the Project Design Lab

August-September IMPLEMENT your project's school & community dialogues & mural creation
September 24-26 CELEBRATE your project at the ONE WORLD Festival in Montpelier

October 8 REFLECT on your project's outcomes and PLAN next steps for achieving your vision.

## **What Does My Community Care About?**

How can we create the change we want? Learn more about how the Vermont Mural Project can bring your school and community together around that question by visiting the <u>Vermont Mural Project</u> at <u>CommunityEngagementLab.org</u>, or contact Claire Tebbs, CEL Partnerships Manager: claire@communityengagementlab.org, or 802-377-5384.





