

NQPHN Indigenous Youth Art Competition

Regeneration 2020

Northern Queensland Primary Health Network invites up and coming local Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander young people between the ages of 13 and 21 to take part in the annual art initiative presented by the NQPHN CEO and Board of Directors.

Each year significant historical events are commemorated and celebrated. The two most celebrated events on the National Indigenous calendar are:

1. **Reconciliation Week** from Wednesday 27 May to Wednesday 3 June 2020—*'In this together'*
2. **NAIDOC Week** from Sunday 8 November to Sunday 15 November 2020—*'Always Was, Always Will Be'*.

Regeneration 2020 celebrates your position as First Nations young people who have a role to play in taking our nation forward into the 21st century, as the oldest continuous living culture in the world. As young members of many tribes, clans, and language groups, you are the custodians of a land that has sustained our way of life, knowing, being, and doing for thousands of generations, and will continue to do so for many generations to come—*Always Was, Always Will Be* is dependent on you as the next generation—NQPHN Senior Project Officer, Reconciliation Action Plan Kerry Hollingsworth.

As young people, you follow the millennia old tracks, footprints, and handprints of storytellers and knowledge keepers who helped First Nations peoples make sense of the world and to teach about values, beliefs, customs, traditions, events, relationships, history, and sacred story places. This storytelling was carried across history via various mediums such as message sticks, rock and sand art, body painting, song, dance, carving, and yarnning. Today, the expression is continued through visual and performing arts, songs, multi-media, books, plays, poems and scripts.

You are a storyteller, and this is an opportunity to tell the story through your art piece

"Keep our mob safe, well, and strong. Stop the spread of coronavirus on Country."

Coronavirus, also known as COVID-19, has recently changed our way of knowing, being, and doing. There are many things that we have done in everyday life that are



now against the law, for our own safety, until it is safe to do so again. Not being able to do everyday things and being physically separated from our family and friends can be difficult, frustrating, scary, and boring. But we are all in this together and together we can tell the story of Regeneration 2020 – Life before, during, and after coronavirus – *'Always Was, Always Will Be'* and *'In this together.'* How adjusting to a new way of knowing, being, and doing together can make you stronger.

Questions to help you get started

- » What medium do you prefer to use to make sense of your world? (e.g. photography, painting, or drawing.)
- » How are you and your family stopping the nasty coronavirus from destroying our way of life forever?
- » How are you saving the old people, Elders, knowledge keepers, custodians, leaders, and carers?
- » How are you staying strong and healthy together?
- » How are you keeping the land, sea, and sky healthy, plentiful, and clean for future generations after coronavirus?

We are *in this together*, so be imaginative, creative, and courageous in joining other young art and craft makers from North Queensland to give voice to your hopes and dreams for our world, land, country, culture, and survival, for a healthy and coronavirus-free future.

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Find more information about the art competition and submit an entry at >

www.nqphn.com.au/indigenous-youth-art-comp-2020



NQPHN acknowledges the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples as Australia's First Nation Peoples and the Traditional Custodians of this land. We respect their continued connection to land and sea, country, kin, and community. We also pay our respect to their Elders past, present, and emerging as the custodians of knowledge and lore.