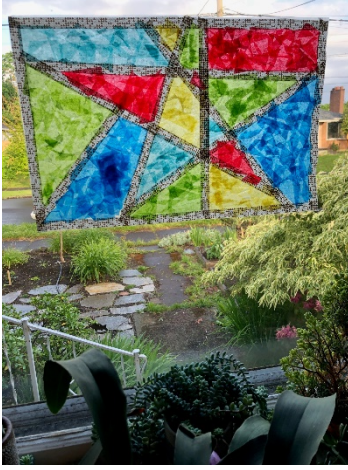


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The City of Portland encourages artistic social connections while physical distancing

“A window into your Portland”



(June 25, 2020) - The City of Portland’s Aging and Disability Community Project and Office of Community & Civic Life’s Community Safety announces a new project that helps community members stay connected with friends, family, and fellow Portlanders while staying home to slow the spread of COVID-19.

“A window into your Portland” project encourages Portlanders to decorate a part of their home: a window. A window literally frames one’s view, and figuratively represents one’s perspective. The expression, “a window into” is a metaphor for something that broadens viewpoints and enhances understanding of a person, place, ideology – anything! The window doesn’t have to be an actual window, it can be a door, or even something placed in your yard. It can be anything that involves your home and provides a glimpse into your and your family’s world through an artistic display. For example, many Portlanders have recently added signs in their windows and yards to promote peace, solidarity, justice, and reform.

This project is great for people of all ages, and can include painting a person or a story on your window, creating tissue paper stained glass, hanging fabric or flags on your door, etc. The options are endless.

“I love to see my neighbors smile and wave when they notice my artwork up in the window! That really lifts my spirits.” A senior resident of the Kenton neighborhood recently said about her window project. “There are so many people out walking throughout the day. I’m thrilled every time someone slows down to have a look. It’s a great ice breaker.”

Aging and Disability Community Project and Community Safety encourages you to show us *your* window into Portland on Twitter, Instagram or Facebook with #KeepConnectingPDX and #WeGotThisPDX.

Need more ideas on how to create your own window into Portland? Interested in other social connection opportunities? Visit our website for more information: <https://www.portlandoregon.gov/civic/80954>

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