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DREAM CITY

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Every year in November, the light festival GLOW takes place in Eindhoven. Dozens of national and international light artists showcase their work at various locations throughout the City of Light.

- Have you ever seen a GLOW artwork?
- Which one do you remember and why?
- What else can you tell about GLOW?



Dream City

Together with light artist Hugo Vrijdag, we're creating an artwork for GLOW!

In previous editions, children took over their own living rooms. Then came the square, the museum, the church, and the Rabobank. And this year? We're taking over the entire city!

What are we going to do?

We'll draw what our dream city looks like.

What do the houses look like? How do we travel around? What does the art look like?

And where do you see art in your city?

The children's drawings will be projected onto the walls of the Van Abbemuseum in Eindhoven, as well as in Best, Oirschot, Helmond, and Veldhoven.

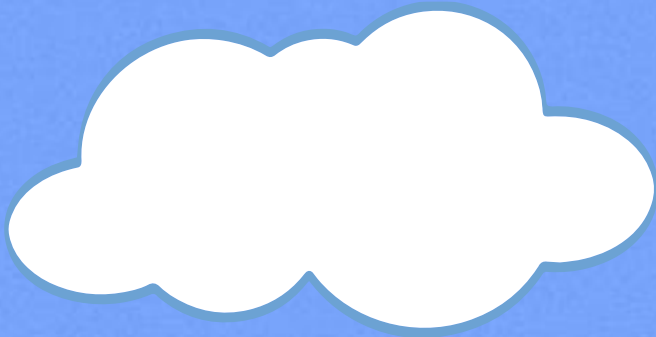
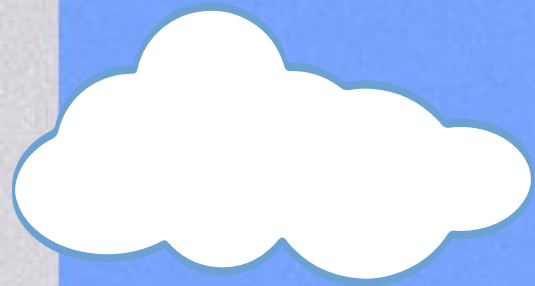
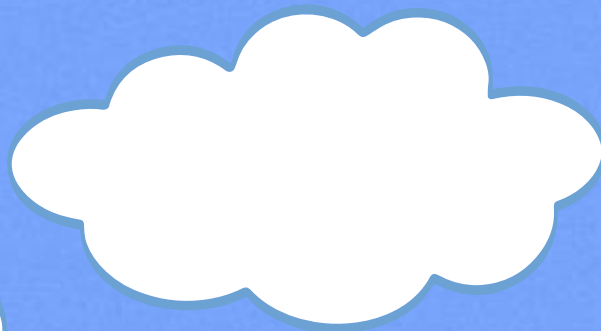
Some children will even build houses and streets.

Together, we'll create a giant city of light!

Join in, dream along, and enjoy GLOW 2025!

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What is a dream city?

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A city where your ideas become reality



What are art and culture?

Art and culture are about things people create or do to express feelings, stories, or ideas—like paintings, music, dance, or theater. They help us see the world in a different way and tell us something about how people live, feel, and think.



What do art and culture mean to you?

- *What art and culture do you see in your surroundings?*
- *What do you feel is missing in terms of art and culture?*
- *How can art contribute to living together in society?*



Inspiring artists

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Lily van der Stokker

Lily van der Stokker creates cheerful art with lots of colors, flowers, and funny texts like “I’m going to bed” or “Ugly!”. She paints ordinary things from daily life, like a couch or a teapot, and turns them into something special. Her art sometimes looks childish or silly, but she wants to show that soft and sweet things matter too. She believes the art world often only listens to serious men. With her work, she says: girly things deserve a place too!



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Henk Visch

Henk Visch is an artist from Eindhoven who creates sculptures of people and animals, often with long arms or unusual poses. His art sometimes looks a bit strange or funny, but it always makes you think. He works with metal, wood, and other materials, crafting pieces that seem to move or dream. Visch wants his sculptures to express feelings and thoughts, without always offering one clear answer. His art raises questions—and that's exactly what he finds beautiful.



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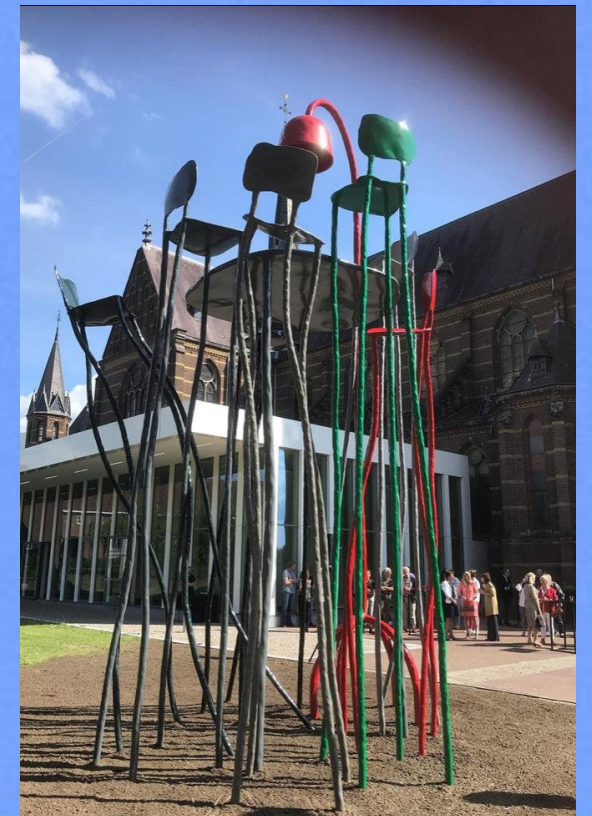
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John Körmeling – Roze Huisje

Claes Oldenburg & Coosje van Bruggen - flying pins eindhoven

Maarten Baas - 'Something Higher' for Dela

- *Do you know these artworks?*



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Graffiti and street art Eindhoven

- *Can you share your thoughts about these artworks?*

Ces53

(graffiti-pioneer from Eindhoven)



Lempke

(Smiling lightbulb, symbol of Eindhoven)



Studio Giftig

(large murals)



Design your dream artwork

- Choose a theme: freedom, inclusion, sustainability, mental health, living together, or another theme
- Imagine an artwork for your dream city
- Create a dream-cloud drawing

Tips for your design

- Location in your dream city
- Materials and shapes
- How will you involve local residents?
- Use colored pencils, markers, fineliners
- Add details and color to your dream cloud
- Let yourself be inspired by the artists



Let's get started!

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What do you need?

- A printed dream cloud on A4 paper
- Colored pencils, markers, and a black fineliner or thin marker



Sketch with pencil

Draw inside the dream cloud with a pencil what you dream about or imagine. You don't need to work neatly yet—this is the moment to experiment and discover what you enjoy.

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Satisfied? Time to add color!

Are you happy with your drawing? Then it's time to color it in. Use bright, vibrant colors so your artwork really stands out.



Color the background too

Don't just focus on your artwork—give the background a beautiful color as well. That way, it becomes a complete piece of art.

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Create contrast with black

When you're done coloring, you can trace the main lines with a black fineliner or thin marker. This adds more contrast and makes your drawing look stronger.



Finished? Show it off!

Is everything done? Then your dream artwork is ready to be shared. Well done!

Reflect

- What did you design and why?
- How does your artwork contribute to the dream city?
- Who is it meant for?

Presentation

- Exhibition in the classroom or hallway
- Present your work to each other
- Give feedback and compliments