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Get creative with your kids on Toronto's waterfront this summer!



The Power Plant Contemporary Art Gallery has announced summer dates for its popular program Power Kids—free, creative workshops for children aged 7-12 on Toronto's waterfront.

Power Kids takes place on select Sundays during the summer and includes a guided tour in or outside the gallery followed by a short creative activity. Each workshop is different, so kids can return throughout the season and be inspired every time.

Currently on display at The Power Plant is solo exhibitions by Indigenous and Afro-Brazilian artist Paulo Nazareth and Iraqi-Kurdish artist Hiwa K; a temporary pavilion outside The Power Plant called *BREATHLESS*; and a series of public sculptures along Toronto's waterfront by Toronto-based artist Sandra Brewster and Paulo Nazareth.

Power Kids is led by Niloufar Salimi, a Toronto-based artist who encourages the participants to reflect on the themes in the exhibitions and how the artists make their work, so the kids can apply it to their own creative projects. This season, activities include creating booklets which document their walks outside, producing their own abstract patterns to use in origami, and making sculptures out of recycled materials.

"We are delighted to provide free, creative workshops for children on the waterfront in downtown Toronto this summer. Power Kids gives children an opportunity to engage and understand works by some of the best international contemporary artists, while expressing themselves and developing important communication and practical skills."

—Niloufar Salimi, Power Kids & Outreach Coordinator at The Power Plant

Power Kids is free of charge. In order to guarantee their place, attendees must register in advance. The workshops are conducted in English and all materials are provided. Masks are strongly encouraged inside the Gallery, but no longer mandatory.

Summer schedule:

Power Kids: Standing Strong

Sunday June 5, 2022 at 3 PM

Inspired by Paulo Nazareth's *Dry Cut* sculptures outside The Power Plant, this workshop will start with a discussion about the Civil Rights Movement. Participants will then make their own standing paper sculptures, based on figures that have been influential and significant for them.

Power Kids: Every Step Away

Sunday June 12, 2022 at 3 PM

This workshop will start with a short walk along the waterfront, where participants will talk and learn about the historical and cultural significance of this area in Toronto. Later, the group will create a booklet that will reflect the walk and serves as a creative documentation of this journey.

Power Kids: Colour My World

Sunday June 19, 2022 at 3 PM

Inspired by the artwork by Iraqi-Kurdish artist Hiwa K's *My Father's Colour Periods*, this workshop will start with a tour of the exhibition, followed by crafting inspired by the work on display. They will use clear acetate and colour sharpies to make a coloured film on top of a black and white image, just like what is on display at the gallery.

Power Kids: Over the Air

Sunday July 24, 2022 at 3 PM

This workshop is inspired by the art installation *Qatees* by Iraqi Kurdish artist Hiwa K. The workshop will start with a tour of the exhibition. Later, participants will make sculptures and small structures resembling antennas out of recycled materials, similar to the structures on display in the gallery.

Power Kids: Safe Keeping

Sunday August 14, 2022 at 3 PM

Drawing inspiration from Sandra Brewster's swing set installed on the waterfront *A Place To Put Your Things*, participants will start by spending time right outside The Power Plant. This will be followed by a short workshop to create pouches that they will fill with crafted items and written texts that express their emotions - their own safe place to keep and acknowledge their feelings.

Power Kids: Every Breath You Make

Sunday August 21, 2022 at 3 PM

Inspired by the artworks included in *BREATHLESS*, a temporary pavilion by the South entrance of The Power Plant. This week, participants will create abstract patterns by blowing watercolours onto paper with straws. Once the paper is dried, they will use the art of paper folding to make imaginative origami designs.

Register for your free place via [our website](#).

About The Power Plant Contemporary Art Gallery

The Power Plant Contemporary Art Gallery is Canada's leading public gallery devoted exclusively to contemporary visual art. It is a vital forum for the advanced artistic culture of our time and offers an

exceptional facility and professional support to diverse living artists, while also engaging equally diverse audiences. The Power Plant pursues its activities through exhibitions, publications, and public programming that incorporate other areas of culture when they intersect with visual art. For more information, please visit thepowerplant.org.

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