



Young Milky Way Explorers

EXHIBITION GUIDE



Welcome!

Who made this art?

Milky Way was made by **Hertta Kiiski** who is a Finnish artist. She works with Irma and Elli (her niece and her daughter) who are both 14 years of age, they are collaborators and performers in her artwork. Hertta uses photography, textiles, video, installations, and space when she is creating artwork. Sometimes she works with animals too!

What is it about?

This exhibition was made when Photolreland asked the artist to make artwork that makes the audience think about the theme of "Food" and all the different ways we make it and how it challenges our planet.

Hertta says this exhibition is both a shrine and a playground. The artwork explores ideas about how we (people) live on our fragile Earth alongside many other life forms, how we co-exist with nature. The artwork makes us think about the life-cycle of some of our food, which can be upsetting to think about. But Hertta wants us to also be hopeful, to look at how we can live with nature in a more caring way in the future.



Let's spend

some time

walking

around the exhibition

These question are here to help you navigate the space and the artworks. They are for **you**, but maybe your grown-ups will also read this with you!

Take your time to have a look at each object.

Close up and from **far away**. What about when you squat down, do you see anything different from down low?

You are welcome to **touch** the artworks (carefully!) to see what they feel like.

Do the materials surprise you?

What do they remind you of?

Have you ever seen photographs in a gallery that are exhibited like this?

What can you **hear** while you are in the gallery? Do the sounds change how you **feel** while looking at the artwork?

If you look closely you will see that there are lots of **textures** and **patterns** in the images, what do you think they are? Why do you think they are here?

Have you watched the **video**? It's just 4 minutes long. Look at their clothing, it is also in the gallery space for you to have a closer look at.

What are the performers holding in the video? What do they remind you of?

You probably heard the sounds from the video before you arrived here, what do you think about the sounds now that you can also see the pictures?

Your turn!

Now that you have seen all of the artwork in Hertta's exhibition *Milky Way*, take some time to think about what you experienced. Are there any particular bits that are staying in your mind? Why?

(There is a space on the back for you to take notes or make drawings)

Do you think seeing art made this way will inspire you to make your own artwork in a different way?

Do / Make

Who are all the animals in your life? Do you have a pet or an animal that you see a lot? How about the birds that visit where your live or the insects in the park?

Why don't you document all the animals in your life? You could take photographs or draw them in their natural habitat. How do the animals change their behaviour when we (humans) are around them?

What about the animals we don't see, like the cows whose milk we drink, or the chickens whose eggs we eat – can we include them?

Think about the images that you've seen in this exhibition, and how they made you feel, and make your own images inspired by *Milky Way*!

Check - in Zoom Chat

12pm Saturday 24th July 2021

A friendly Zoom check-in will be hosted by Róisín, facilitating a sharing space. Families who have visited the exhibition are welcome to join and share and talk about the work they saw and made in response. This Zoom check-in is aimed at young people and their families (ages 6 – 18, under 12s should have an adult present with them while on the Zoom call). See 2021.photoireland.org for further details.

Who made this guide?

Róisín White is a Dublin based visual artist. She studied Photography at DIT, as well as sculpture and ceramics at NCAD. Róisín likes to create her own artworks by using old images and objects to tell stories, she likes to make picture books that share secrets and folktales.

Róisín enjoys finding tiny stories from history and making them big and important through her artwork.

Róisín has worked with children and young people for over 10 years through visual arts and outdoor education, she likes for children to learn-by-doing, experiment and not be afraid to make mistakes, because it is often in happy accidents that magic happens!

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