



Christine's Collage Challenge

Hello,

My name is Christine, I am the Programme Director of the **BasildON Creative People and Places Programme**. If you haven't heard of us before, we are an **Arts Council England** funded programme that **gets people choosing, creating and participating in amazing cultural experiences!**

We launched in August but due to COVID, I haven't been able to come out and meet as many members of the community as I would have liked to! So I would like to **invite you to take part** in 'Christine's Collage Challenge'!

What is Christine's Collage Challenge?

I came up with this because all of the words begin with the same letter! No, what really happened was I wanted to **highlight Basildon's rich heritage** and thought this would be a great way for us all to get arty together (even in the middle of a pandemic). Thankfully, Ken Porter from Basildon Heritage was on hand to dispense his knowledge. Together, we came up with a list of **inspirational individuals** who were **born or have lived in the Basildon Borough**. In the pack, you can **learn about them** and also **make a collage of them** using the templates. There are also **blank templates** where you and your family can **make a collage of yourselves**.

The activity is about being **thrifty and inventive**. You do not need to spend a grand in Hobby Craft, instead, think about what you can use that is **free** such as wrappers, tin foil, the Argos catalogue (if that's before your time, lucky you!) and newspapers (you can get free Yellow Advertisers from outside ASDA, they won't mind). **If you need inspiration, visit our website to see examples!**

Why should you take part?

It's a **fun-filled activity for you and your family to enjoy!** There are also **prizes** to be won, the opportunity to have your work showcased in an **exhibition at the Eastgate Shopping Centre** and then the **exhibition will travel around the borough to inspire others**.

What's in it for mum, dad, guardians?

Don't worry, we've got your back, **we think you deserve prizes too!** There are **twenty vouchers to be won in our prize draw** to be spent in **local restaurants**. It's been a tough year for everyone so we want to see the **money go back into the community and support local businesses**.

Once you have made your collage, there are two ways you can send it to us:

1) By email:

Take a photograph of your collage, email it to cpp@creativebasildon.co.uk along with your name and post code. Need to know how to photograph your collages? Visit our website to watch a video tutorial.

2) In person:

Write your name, email address and post code on the back of the collage. A list of libraries where you can drop your collages off can be found on our website.

We have included glue in the packs, but if you run out, you can mix water, flour and salt to make your own. There are also scissors included in the packs so children may need to be supervised.

If you have any questions or just want to get in touch, email me here: christine@creativebasildon.co.uk

Happy collaging!

Christine

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