

# Mural Workshop

*Create a mural design that reflects the spirit of your community.*

## **Age Appropriateness:**

13 & up

## **Key Topics:**

Community Development

Public Art

## **Skills:**

Community Design

Mural Techniques

## **Materials:**

Primer, Paint, Paint-brushes, Pencils, Ladders.

## **Action Time:**

1-2 Hours for Mural Workshop; 10 hours total for design and painting.

## **Resources:**

<http://graffitihurts.org/pdf/mural.pdf>

Conrad, David. 1994. Educating with Community Murals

## **OBJECTIVES**

- Allow teens to lead community members in creating a mural design.
- Use design techniques to create a simple layout that will look great and be easy for volunteers to



## **Preparation**

Talk about murals or other public art that exists in your city. Are there any common themes? Are there any local heroes or mantras that inspire your community? Discuss the benefits of using ideas from community members to create a mural design. Decide on a site for your mural, be sure to secure any necessary permits from local government and property owners.

## **Action**

- Identify local organizations and individuals who the group would like to invite to help design the mural. Then, decide on a date and time when the majority of these stakeholders could attend a mural workshop and invite them to participate.
- During the mural workshop, teens will lead the discussion about a theme and message that will be most appropriate for a mural in your community. Be sure to have a sign up sheet for attendees who would like to contribute to the project financially or logistically.
- Work with the teens to create a scaled drawing of the mural according to ideas collected at the workshop. Talk about techniques that will help engage volunteers; consider a “paint by number” design that will look great and be easy to direct volunteers to paint.
- Wash and prime mural surface as needed. Transfer design onto wall and paint! Consider applying a top coat after mural has dried.

## **Reflection**

Invite local officials and community members to the unveiling of your mural. Plan a dedication ceremony to thank all of the individuals and groups who contributed to the project. Be sure to create a maintenance plan to ensure the mural looks great for years to come.

# Mural Workshop: Examples

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## GRAFITTI



## PAINT BY NUMBER



## HONOR LOCAL HEROES

