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CONTABLE 250: UNCONVENTIONAL CONSTABLE VR and MR PROJECT

Hello,

In 2026 Colchester + Ipswich Museums will be leading a year-long celebration of the 250th anniversary of Suffolk artist, John Constable (1776 – 1837). During the event Babergh Council will be working with local schools around Constable Country to engage pupils with 'Unconventional Constable'; A mixed reality viewing of Constable's artworks and school children's response in the form of a pop-up exhibition that makes use of virtual reality within an existing space.

We would like to invite pupils from your school to take part in 'Unconventional Constable' and are contacting you now to gauge interest and introduce the concept for consideration and input.

Project Overview

Starting in June 2026 school children will be encouraged to participate in a competition to reinterpret Constable's work by creating their own landscapes, inspired by the beauty around them.

A selection of the artwork will then be 'displayed' at East Bergholt Memorial Hall for 7 days during the summer holidays. Members of the public will be able to visit and experience the gallery through one of the VR headsets. The exhibition will also include a selection of Constable paintings from the CIMS collection and national loans, brought to life in this interactive mixed reality environment

What next?

To accompany the project we will be producing teacher resources to provide guidance and an outline of the initiative. Any feedback or discussion with local teachers and staff in advance would be welcomed to ensure that we can support and engage you in the best way possible.

We are keen to start planning and for local schools to be involved in the project. If this is something that would be of interest please email liz.baalham@baberghmidsuffolk.gov.uk.

We look forward to hearing from you soon,

Kind regards,

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Festival and Events Coordinator

You can find out more
about the project and the
mixed reality element
here.....

