Exhibitions Dora Budor: Again Paul Mpagi Sepuya: Exposure Sat 27 Jan – Sun 5 May 2024

# Family Activity Kaleidoscopes

Artist Paul uses mirrors in his artwork to photograph, the image produced is of the reflection.

We see reflected and mirrored images wherever we go, from our own reflections looking back at us in the mirror or a window. We are surrounded by reflections!

Mirrors and reflections can bring curiosity, fascination and help us discover new ways of seeing the spaces around us, ourselves, and the artworks at Nottingham Contemporary.

#### Word descriptions

**Kaleidoscope** - an object with two or more reflecting surfaces tilted to each other at an angle, producing symmetrical patterns. The word kaleidoscope comes from a Greek phrase meaning *to view a beautiful form.* 

### Family Activity Ways of Viewing

Using these different tools for viewing, explore the galleries and the Nottingham Contemporary building to find different ways of seeing the artworks, the spaces around you and yourself.

- 1. How do the spaces you see, and the sounds you hear change when you use the different sized kaleidoscopes?
- 2. Build a new viewing tool by joining the different mirrors and kaleidoscopes together.
- 3. Add mirrors to the extending stick and angle in different ways, Explore the building and the artworks, discover new ways of seeing.
- 4. When you have created your tools for viewing, experiment with how you might use them.

### Family Activity Viewing Experiments

Can we see the artwork in a different way?

When we use our viewing tools and see our own reflections, we become part of the art exhibition.

Use the tools and our bodies to see things we might not have seen before, being careful of people and objects, experiment by lying on the floor and angling our viewing tools in different ways.

- 1. What can you see that you could not see before?
- 2. What happens when you add a mirror or take one away?
- 3. How might the light around us react to your viewing tools. Create reflections, lights and shadows that change the spaces around you.
- 4. What other senses are changed by your viewing tools? Sound, sight, touch, and smell?

# Contents





- 1 x Set of Kaleidoscopes instructions
- 1 x Large Kaleidoscope
- 1 x Large geometric patterned bag
- 1 x Periscope
- 5 x Small Kaleidoscopes
- 6 x Card mirror pieces
- 2 x Selfie sticks





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