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MAKE A MURAL EDUCATORS GUIDE



Be inspired by a fantastic project in Mexico

A salamander species, known locally as the Achoque, is affected by the human population who surround the entire Lake Patzcuaro in Mexico. Household, industrial and agricultural water and waste pollute the lake, causing problems for the salamander and other wildlife that lives there. We've been supporting Michoacan University to study water quality in order to plan how to better protect this lake in the future.

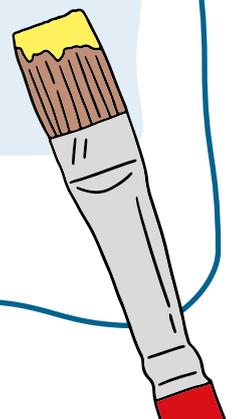
Local communities however, are determined to help! They've been creating murals which promote the amazing species that live in this lake.

Discussion points

- 1 Have a look at the colours and styles they use. Do you think bright colours work well to draw people's attention?
- 2 What is the purpose of the artwork? (Hint - it is to celebrate the communities achievements and raise awareness of the need to protect the species habitat from pollution).
- 3 Can you think of a species local to you that you would like to celebrate in a piece of art work?

Designing a Mural

Now have a go at making your own artwork. You could ask the class to work in groups and design their own mural onto large paper. Perhaps you could find a wall in the school grounds and have a competition to design a school mural. The possibilities are endless!





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