

Divergently Together

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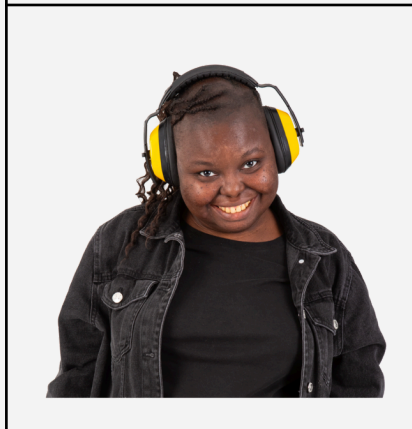
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What is Divergently Together?



'Divergently Together' is a project about disabled and **neurodivergent** people and **Climate action**



Neurodivergent means people who think differently.
For example someone with ADHD or Autism.



The world is getting hotter.
This is called **Climate Change**.
It will change how we will live in the future.



We have a **responsibility** to be as gentle to the planet as we can.



Making decisions and actions that help lessen climate change is called **Climate Action**.



'Divergently Together' shows how **climate action** and **neurodivergence** are linked.

Who are we?



Insight is one of the largest **data analytics** centres in Europe.

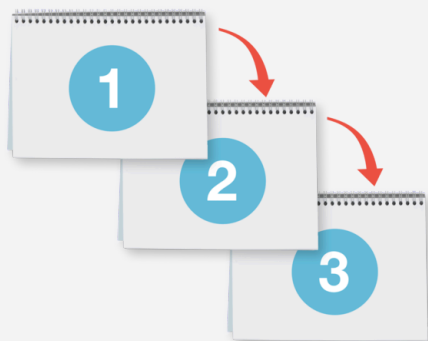
Data is information, like numbers, words, or pictures.

Data analytics means looking at information to understand what's going on, and decide what to do.



AlanJames Burns is a neurodivergent artist.

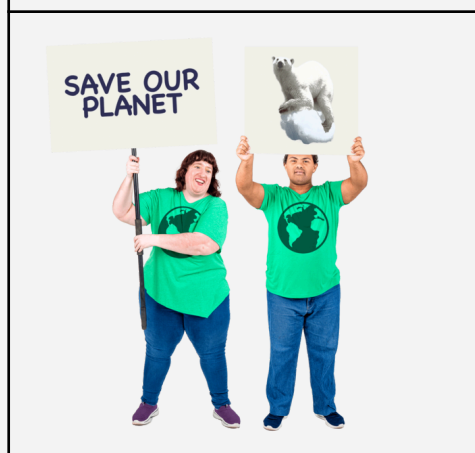
They make art about disability, climate change and the human mind.



What we did



We showed how **climate action** and **disability** are linked.



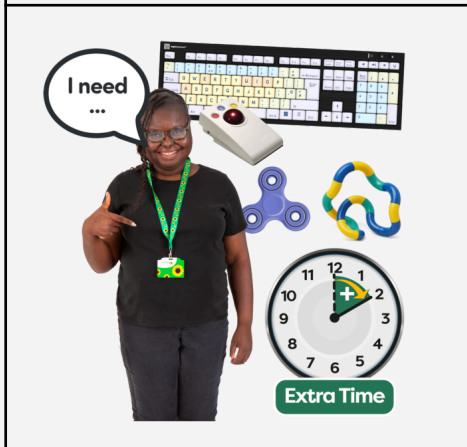
We taught people about **climate action**.



We asked people to think about **accessible climate action**.



Accessible climate action is climate action where everyone is invited to take part.

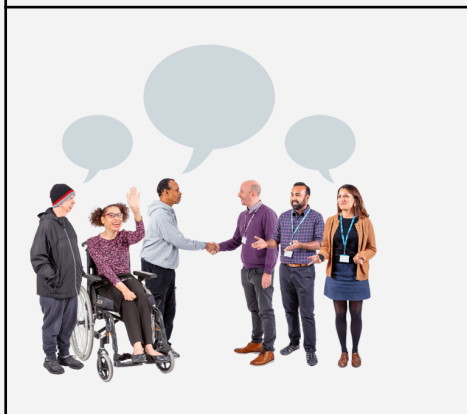


We showed people what **accessibility** can look like, by using:

- Easy Reads
- Captions
- Sign Language

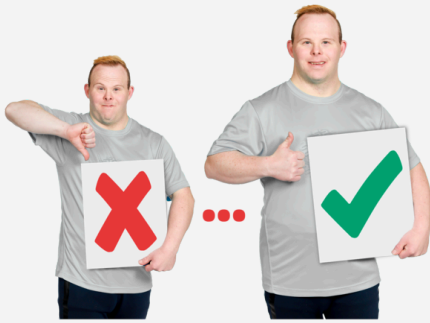


We showed how creative and different ways of thinking are good.



We created a community by bringing people with different skills together. People like:

- Climate experts
- Artists
- Policy makers



We built people's confidence to make change.



By making art together we expressed our ideas.



We helped the voices of **neurodivergent people** to be heard.



We broke down **stigmas** about disability.

Stigmas are negative and often unfair ideas that people have about something.



How we did this



We did short workshops in different places in Ireland:

- Cavan & Fermanagh
- Galway
- Dublin
- Laois
- Waterford



This helped us learn what people think about disability and climate change.



We then worked for a longer time with one group of people.



This group was from Ireland and Northern Ireland.



We had workshops together in nature.



We also had workshops online.



We invited experts to work with us.



They taught us about things like:

- Stimming
- Language
- Movement
- Nature



We learned a lot!



We made art together.



We had an event where anyone could come.

At the event we shared what we learned.



We had a workshop for people who work in the **public sector**.

These are people who make big decisions about our country.



We asked them to think about disability and climate action.



We asked them how they could help to make our world more fair for people and nature.



Our 'Sensory Burrow'



We created a **sensory space**.

This is a space where we bring nature inside.



We call it the 'Sensory Burrow'.



It has lots of different objects.



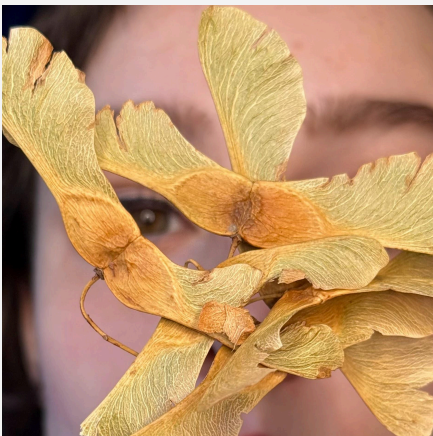
Some smell...



Some are nice to touch...



Some make noises...



It is a space to explore and feel safe.



We have brought the 'Sensory Burrow' to Croke Park and the Aviva Stadium!



We hope we can bring it to even more places across Ireland in the future.



What we learned



Working together as a team of people who are **Neurodiverse**:

- Is fun
- Is challenging
- Takes Time
- Needs plans and structure



Working **across the borders** of the Republic of Ireland and Northern Ireland means:

- Sharing experiences
- Understanding differences
- Extra planning is needed



Working on a **Climate Action** project means:

- Working with lots of different people
- Understanding different ideas
- Being open minded
- Celebrating nature



Nature can help us.



We should also help nature.



This project is just the start.

We want other people to use our ideas and what we learned to help them make their own projects.

If you want to learn more



We are building a project website

We can see it soon at:

<https://divergentlytogether.com/>



There is a [longer version of this report](#)



There is an online [Collaborative Library](#) where you can learn more.