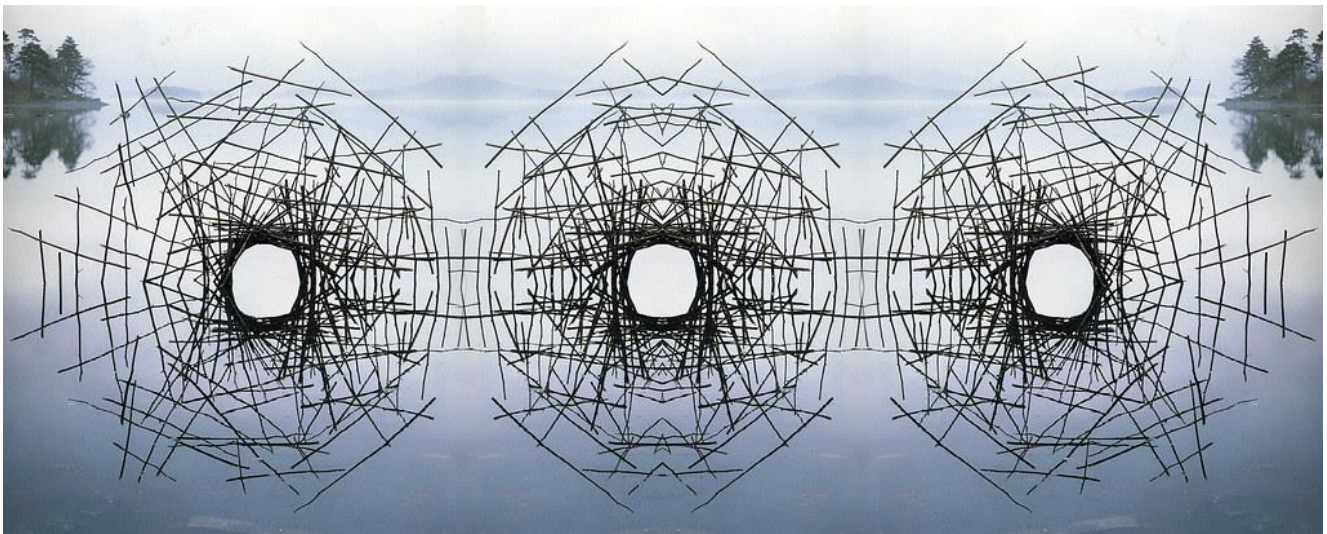


## Natural Scotland Week 2024

# Land Art Competition – ‘Nature is Happiness’

*‘We often forget that we are nature. Nature is not something separate from us. So, when we say that we have lost our connection to nature, we’ve lost our connection to ourselves.’ - Andy Goldsworthy*



[Credit: Andy Goldsworthy - Montage by iuri - Sticks Framing a Lake \(2560x1024\) - Flickr](#)

**Land Art**, also known as Earth Art or Earthworks, “is often situated in nature and made from natural materials, including soil, rocks, boulders and trees, sometimes along with man-made materials such as concrete (...) Land Art emerged in the late 1960s in the United States as part of a wider interest in ecology and the preservation of the environment, along with a rise in political activism and women’s liberation. Many artists made work as a protest against both the commercial art market and an increasingly industrialised and polluted urban society.” (Source: [National Galleries Scotland](#))

### Land Art Competition – ‘Nature is Happiness’

In our aim to support and encourage pupils’ and adults’ connection to and enjoyment of nature, we would like to invite pupils to explore the **Land Art** movement and the work of British artist **Andy Goldsworthy**, and to create a collective or individual artwork representing what the phrase ‘**Nature is Happiness**’ feels like to them.

#### Useful videos and resources to introduce Land Art and Andy Goldsworthy’s work:

- Intro to Land Art – Hands-On Education: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SlS264B3rDc>
- Andy Goldsworthy For Kids – Land Art Lou Bee ABC: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mAmOscZR2OI>
- Who is Andy Goldsworthy? – Twinkl: <https://www.twinkl.co.uk/teaching-wiki/andy-goldsworthy>
- Andy Goldsworthy – Earth Artist and his Process: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sngXz55b4bc> (this video is better suited for older pupils)

### Guidelines for the competition:

- The main theme of the competition is '**Nature is Happiness**'. This can look or be felt very differently to different people and that is ok!
- The work can be done collectively or individually – Remember! A collective artwork can be the combination and connection of different individuals' work, maybe an opportunity to display the wonderful diversity of your class or group!
- Only use natural materials, especially avoiding the use of glue and sticky tape.
- While collecting materials, please don't remove leaves or flowers from living plants and don't collect mushrooms.
- Embrace the ephemeral side of Land Art, especially if wind, rain or something else happens and affects the artwork! Patience is a vital part of Land Art!
- The best way to record Land Art is by taking photos. Please share these photos with us so your pupils' work can be displayed during Friday's Assembly and enter the competition.
- Please submit photos of **no more than 5 artworks per class** to [ecoschools@keepscotlandbeautiful.org](mailto:ecoschools@keepscotlandbeautiful.org) by 5pm Monday 20th of May. All entries received by 3pm Thursday 16th of May will also be displayed during Friday's Assembly.
- Winners will be announced during the week commencing **27th of May**, with all entries being displayed in a virtual gallery on our website from that week onwards.
- After photos have been taken and artworks have been enjoyed by everyone, please make sure to dismantle the artworks if necessary and dispose of the materials by spreading throughout the school grounds, or by placing materials in your compost heap or piling near your bug hotels.