

## Caitlin Keating and Billy Colours



**The pairing of two very different artists resulted in some incredible work and a unique process for the two artists.**

**Caitlin works with very fine detailed drawings and Billy Colours - one of the artists who designed and spray-painted the 42<sup>nd</sup> Street building - works on large scale public art pieces with bold colour and lines. Caitlin decided on the theme of finding light in the darkness and beauty in unexpected places.**

Caitlin says: "With the work I wanted to show that there is beauty all around us and in everyday life. Sometimes it can be difficult to find, especially during a time like this so I think it's important for us to consciously look out for the beauty in normal everyday things as it can have a more positive affect on your wellbeing.

"During this process I have learned to have more freedom and fun with my work, rather than being limited to trying to make pieces look as realistic as I can get it to be. I've also learned how impactful art can be. Whether it's a small piece you find on the street or a big piece out in public, I think that they all have a purpose and can give out messages that need to be seen.

"Art and creativity is important because it gives you the freedom to express yourself and your emotions in any way that you like as there are no limitations in what you can create. I also think that it is important because it is able to have many different effects on people and I think that that is what makes art and creativity so powerful.

"It is important that young people are listened to right now because they are what will develop the world into the future so it is important that their ideas, opinions and feelings are listened to. Also, it is important that they're listened to especially in a time like this as in some cases it is having an affect on their mental health. It's important that young people are listened to so they don't feel as lonely or isolated during this difficult time. Their feelings and thoughts needs to be acknowledged as they are an important part of society like everybody else."