

ACTIVITY GUIDE

Peter Haakon Thompson - Artist

Objectives: One of the goals of Thompson's work is to inspire engagement and conversation where it otherwise wouldn't happen. Using his Flag Project as a model, create your own conversation starting flag design.

Tools/Resources: Paper and available art supplies.



Video Clip: <http://www.tpt.org/mn-original/episode/peter-haakon-thompson/>

Activity

- 1) Watch the segment and discuss:
 - a. How does the artist use unconventional methods to encourage strangers to connect?
 - b. How does his art start conversations that otherwise wouldn't have happened?
- 2) Break off into pairs.
 - a. Take turns asking your partner about their interests, favorite activities, colors, background etc.
 - b. Make a list of adjectives based on your conversation with your partner.
- 3) Using your list, draw a flag that represents your partner.
- 4) Regroup and, in pairs, present your flags to the class and share the inspiration behind your design.
 - a. What was something that surprised you to learn about your partner?
 - b. Did the flag your partner created to reflect you turn out the way you thought it would?