

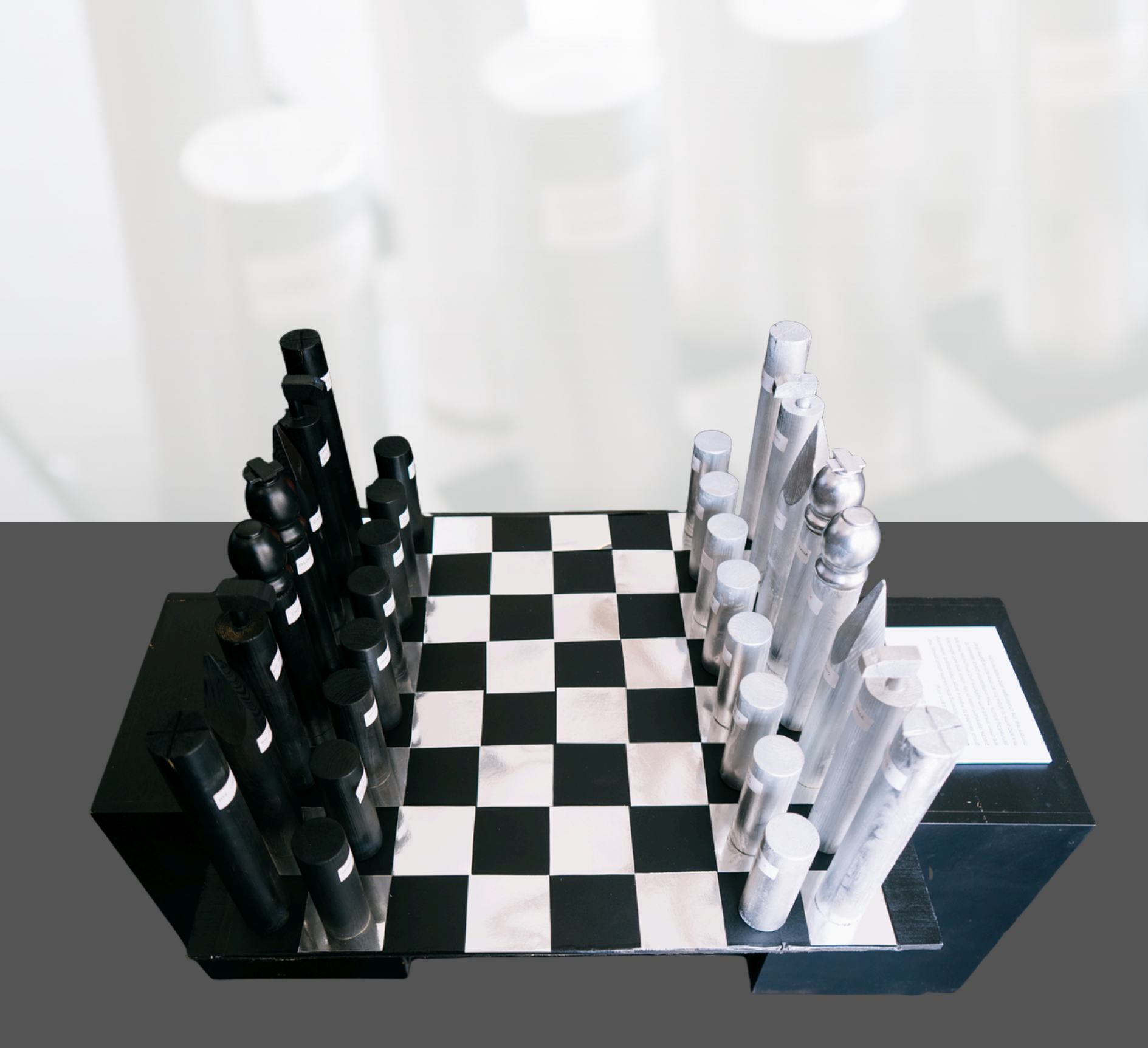


Know Your *Rights* in Care! Art Project

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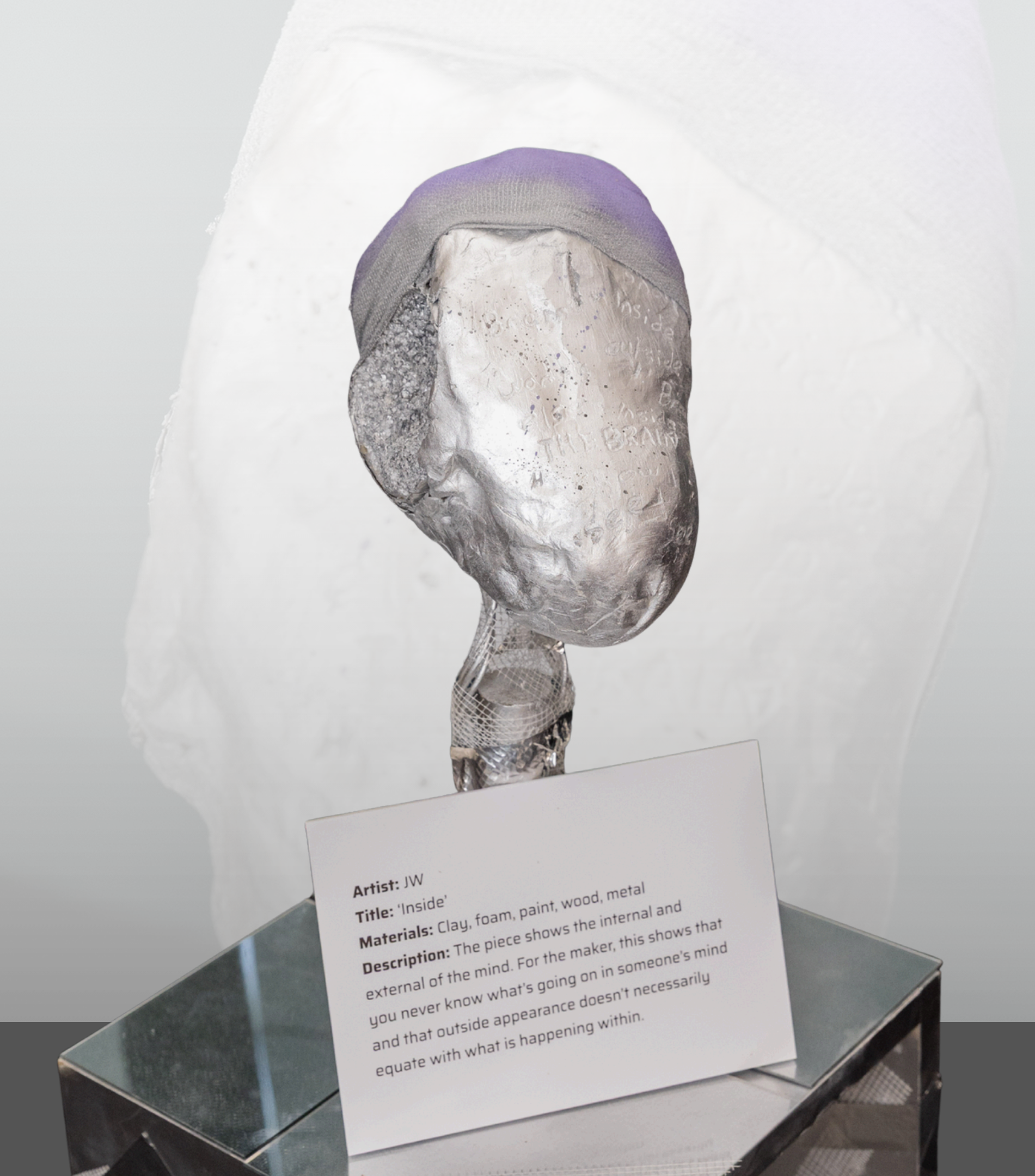


‘Power Play’

Artists: Mayo Fora Group

Materials: Wood, paint, vinyl

Description: Following discussions about power, the group decided to make a large chessboard, where the pieces represent roles in life. Voice and self advocacy are often linked with systems and structures that are defined by adults. This installation piece speaks to this and aims to allow for an interactive game that mirrors real life challenges and experiences.



‘Inside’

Artist: JW

Materials: Clay, foam, paint, wood, metal

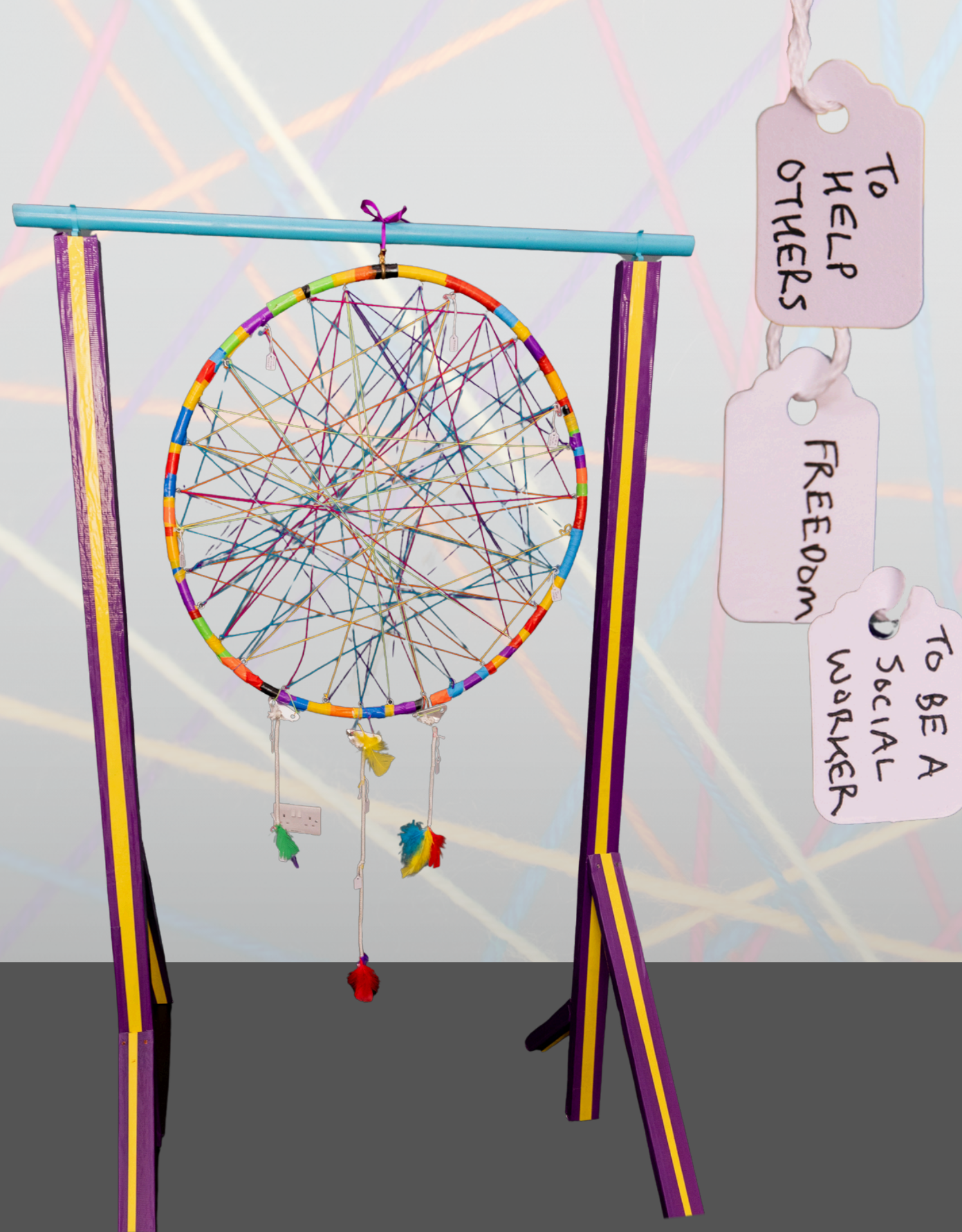
Description: The piece shows the internal and external of the mind. For the maker, this shows that you never know what’s going on in someone’s mind and that outside appearance doesn’t necessarily equate with what is happening within.

‘Our Dreams for the Future’

Artists: Kildare/Dublin Southwest Care Group

Materials: Pipe, string, thread, ribbon, tape, wood

Description: In the first session, the group made individual dream catchers and talked about dreams that were important to them. The group collaborated in a second session on a giant, joint dream catcher, representing their personalities, backgrounds and hopes for the future for themselves and others in care.





'My Journey Through Care'

Artist: CW

Materials: Lego, clay, paint

Description: This piece represents the emotional journey of a young person through care. Incorporating lego, a passion of the maker, it shows the beginning and turning point that have brought them to where they are now.



'Dreamscape'



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Artist: ABC

Materials: Acrylic paint and pouring paint on canvas.

Description: This painting is inspired by work seen at the Galway International Arts Festival in July 2025. A group visited galleries and installations with the artist to see different types of artistic expression. The young person was drawn to paintings of scale with large brush strokes. This piece is painted with a large brush and incorporates pouring paint, allowing for flow and freedom. Over the course of the project, groups painted with cotton buds, cups, pours, brushes, spray and foam, to allow playfulness and curiosity within the act of painting. Everyone can paint, and effort was made to make it feel unintimidating and freeing. The layering in 'Dreamscape' feels opaque and yet deep, subtle and soft, drawing the eye in.

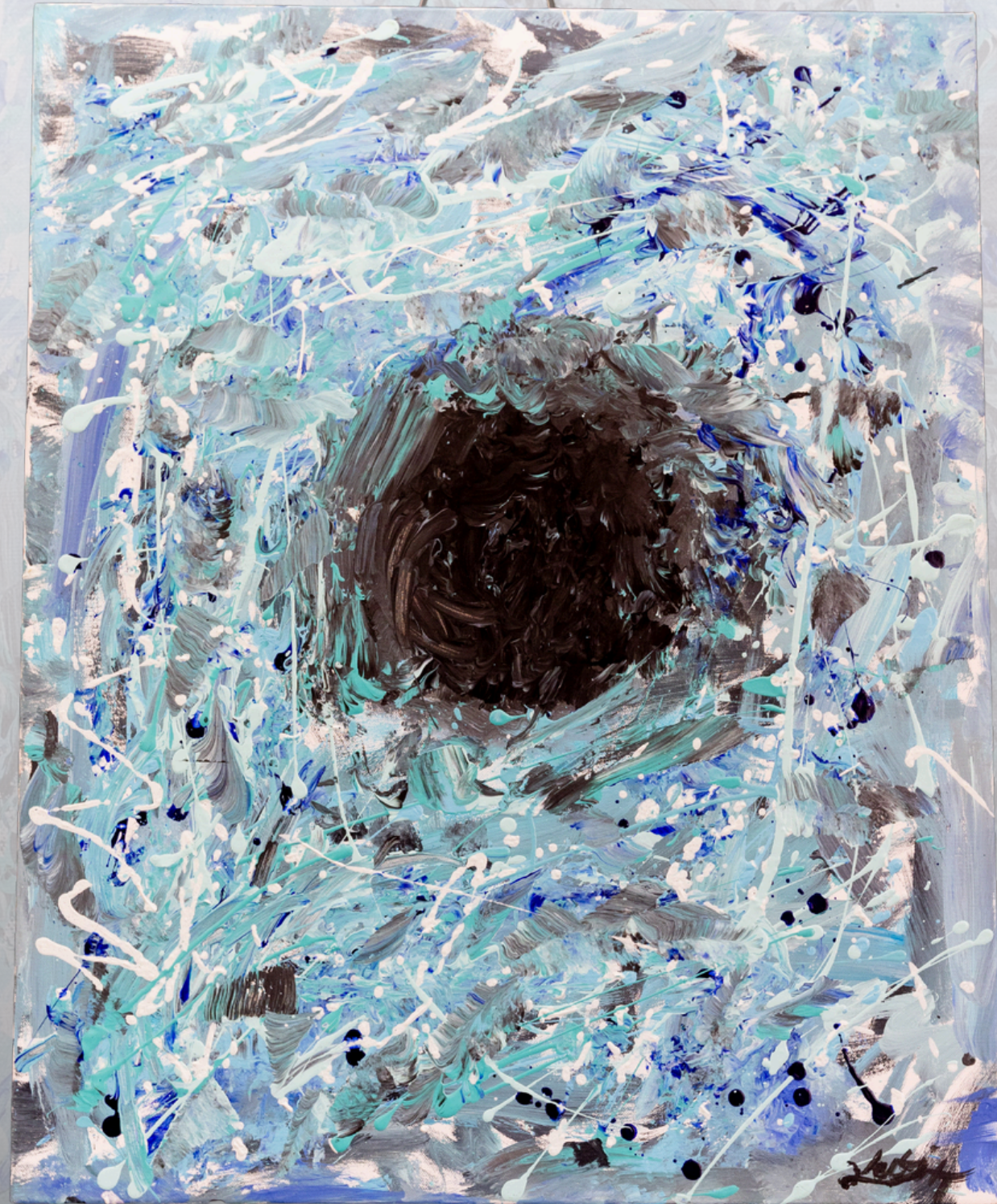


‘Hiraeth’

Artist: KM

Materials: Acrylic paint and spray paint on canvas

Description: Hiraeth (pronounced heer-eye-th) is a uniquely Welsh concept that describes a profound, bittersweet yearning for a home, person, or time to which you cannot return.



‘Cymod’

Artist: KM

Materials: Acrylic paint and spray paint on canvas

Description: Cymod (pronounced kum-od) is a Welsh word that translates to "reconciliation". It is derived from the prefix cym-(together) and bod (to be), and is heavily associated with the Welsh peace and social justice movement.

‘From Pain to Power’

Artist: CMD

Materials: Canvas, acrylic paint, spraypaint

Description: Inspired by the Manga symbol ‘the Rinnegan’, this piece symbolised an accrued strength and wisdom gained through difficulty. It represents a state of heightened power and can be seen when someone has reached their full force. For the maker, the piece shows bravery, resilience and overcoming.

