

WHAT IS WOVEN FUTURES?

Woven Futures is a community-based, collaborative art and storytelling project that invited 9 newcomer, immigrant, and refugee students from New Westminster Secondary School (NWSS) to explore their migration stories, identities, belonging, and future possibilities. Over the course of three months, students participated in weekly afterschool sessions designed around reflection, visioning, creative expression, and personal storytelling.



FACILITATORS & MENTORS

- **Teresa Larrea Correa** – Artist, Art Educator, MOSAIC Settlement Worker
- **Dr. Robert Williamson** – Associate Professor, Inclusive Education, SFU
- **Nia Pazoki** – Doctoral Candidate, Faculty of Education, SFU
- **Aishah Ismail** – SFU Student Facilitator
- **Charu Ravindra Arora** – SFU Student Facilitator
- **Cristopher** – NWSS Student Volunteer

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A Community art project
exploring migration, identity,
and possibility through
creative expression



Unveiling Ceremony – June 5, 2025
Grand Commons, New Westminster
Secondary School

Project Partners:



CREATIVE PROCESS & INSPIRATION



Rooted in Person-Centered Planning and inspired by global visual traditions, the project centered student voices through a combination of storytelling, guided art activities, and one-on-one mentorship. Participants created handmade paper using photocopies of personal and family immigration documents, which became the foundation for a collective mural.

Through techniques such as paper making, layering, and mixed media, students expressed both the weight of their past and hope for the future. The final artwork draws on rich cultural influences, including Mexican papel picado, Chinese cut paper, Islamic geometric patterns, and Japanese washi paper—blending these diverse traditions into a shared visual language of resilience, memory, migration, and meaning.

EVENT SCHEDULE – JUNE 5, 2025

- 3:45 PM — Doors open, refreshments
- 4:00 PM — Welcome and opening remarks
- 4:15 PM — Student reflections
- 4:30 PM — Artwork unveiling
- 4:45 PM — Community art activity and gathering
- 5:15 PM — Closing and thank you

- Refreshments include vegetarian and halal-friendly options.
- Guests are invited to visit our reflection station and contribute to the community mural response.



WITH GRATITUDE

We are deeply grateful to the 9 NWSS students who shaped this project with their creativity, courage, and care. Their voices and visions are at the heart of Woven Futures.

We also extend heartfelt thanks to their families, educators, community members, school district staff, and MOSAIC's Marketing and Communications Team for their ongoing support.

IN THE EXHIBITION!



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