

Overview

[The Global Health Education and Learning Incubator at Harvard University](#) (GHELI) provides immersive residencies that enable exploration, experimentation, and innovation with creative multimedia approaches. This artwork was created by a Cambridge School of Weston (CSW) student as part of a resulting integrated studies course developed during a collaborative residency with faculty from CSW. The assignment? Take what students had learned throughout the course and boil it down to one word that represented what global health signified for them, then translate that idea into a piece of artwork in a meaningful, evocative way.

Abstract

A charcoal drawing showing blood and veins as a metaphor for human interconnectedness.

Artist

CSW Student (2016)

Caption

Blood plays an important role in human health and the transmission of disease. The image depicts the word “Blood” connected by a sprawling network of veins. For the student, it had a double meaning: it represents the importance of blood in global health while also depicting blood and veins as a metaphor for social network.

Artist Lens

Blood can have a lot to do with what your health is like. There are many diseases which can be transmitted from person to person through blood. But for this student, it wasn’t just a symbol of how understanding the human body or understanding blood is important to global health; it was also about how we’re all interconnected.

This student was very motivated to say global health is a lot about our social interconnection, our heritage, our relationships. It’s how we’re connected to each other that matters. If you don’t see everyone as connected to one another, you will never be able to make progress in global health.

[Watch Blood Reflection](#)

Media

Charcoal

