

Ice Breaker Responses – January 16, 2021 CST Meeting

Scouts Canada – Shining Waters Council

Background

As part of the Council's perspective session (concerning the current pandemic circumstances), we posed three questions to meeting participants via slido.com:

- Q1: What's your impression? [of art at <https://www.childart.ca/art-work>]
- Q2: Your impression of what the chart represents?
- Q3: When kids come across challenges – what do you tell them (as a Scouter, Parent/Elder, or Trusted Advisor)?

Summary

Responses were automatically collated in word clouds

- **Q1:** Of 21 responses, the children's art **reflected mostly "lonely", "isolation"**. This is very true. According to Dr. Nikki Martyn, program head of early childhood studies at the University of Guelph-Humber: "A collection of children's drawings made during the pandemic illustrates the mental toll the crisis is taking on Canadian youth. Many of the submissions by kids and teenagers depict people alone, haunted by shadowy spectres, or worse, their own thoughts. Collectively, the images paint a stark picture of how the trials of young life under lockdown could shape the next generation" You can refer to the full article here: <https://www.ctvnews.ca/health/coronavirus/this-is-too-much-art-shows-children-s-struggles-during-pandemic-says-researcher-1.5267968>
- **Q2:** Of 27 responses, the graph tended to reflect "membership drop." The actual answer is **S&P 500 circa March 2020**, when the lockdown began. While membership may look very bad at the moment for some groups, it's important to note this is just a temporary situation – if we only look at the small "red square," – the case seems dire. However, if we look at the full picture, we note the drop in March 2020 was temporary. It is also important to note we need to be prepared for the eventual rebound. In a stock market sense, you earn by investing money at the lowest point when the situation is dire – not when the bull market is already in full swing.



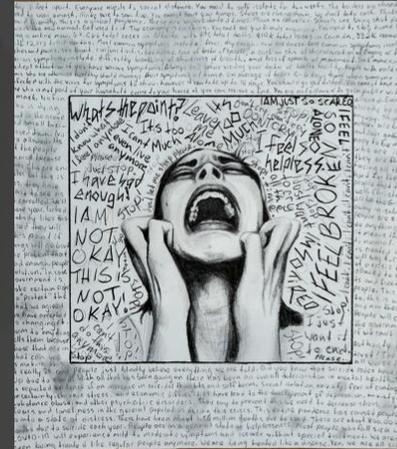
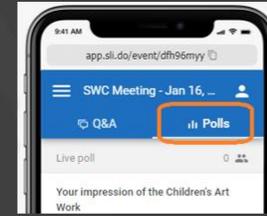
- **Q3.** Of 28 responses, we tend to tell youth confronting challenges, "**Do Your Best,**" along with other **positive encouragements**. Let's also be a good example ourselves. As BP said, "*Success in training the [youth] depends largely on the [Scouter's] own personal example.*". The real hero is someone who is with the youth during the crisis, not someone who comes in after the problem is over. Having said that, Scouters are human too – and we have our own life challenges we must handle. Being with the youth during the crisis doesn't mean we have to do what we were able to offer pre-COVID, but rather, we try our best with considerations to our circumstances.

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Q1: What's your impression?

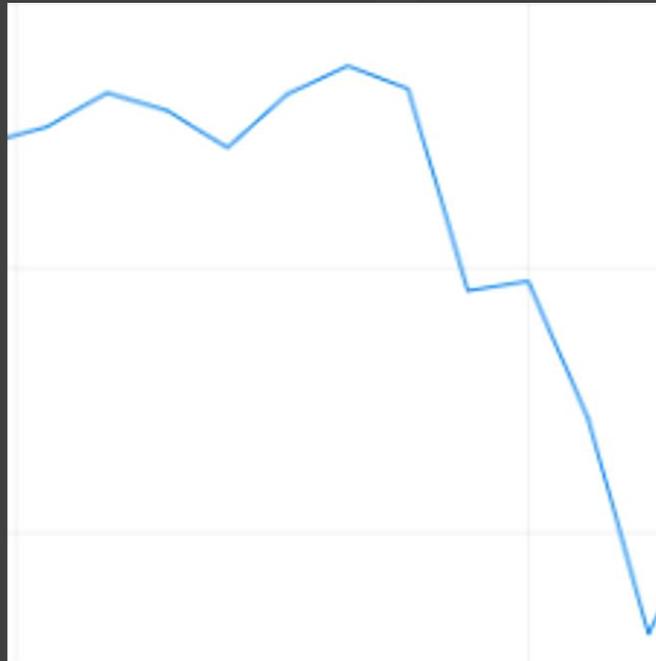
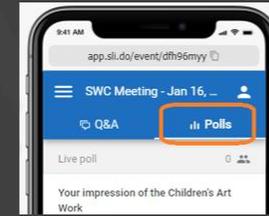
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Q2: Your Impression of what the Chart represents



Your Impression of what the Chart represents

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membership drop

COVID # goes down
Registration numbers Vaccine Supply S&P 500 circa March 2020
Depressed crash physical interactions decline Our registration for 2021
membership decline time spent with family registration Loss
Drop happiness trust in politicians step counts Membership declin
Age at death Meeting lack of compliance mental health
Summer Covid-19 cases

Note: Answer is S&P 500 circa March 2020, when the lockdown began

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Q2: Your Impression of what the Chart represents

Stock Market – S&P 500

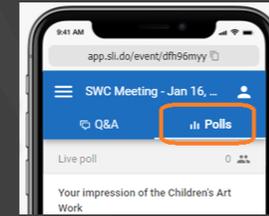


Note: Not for Investment Advice!

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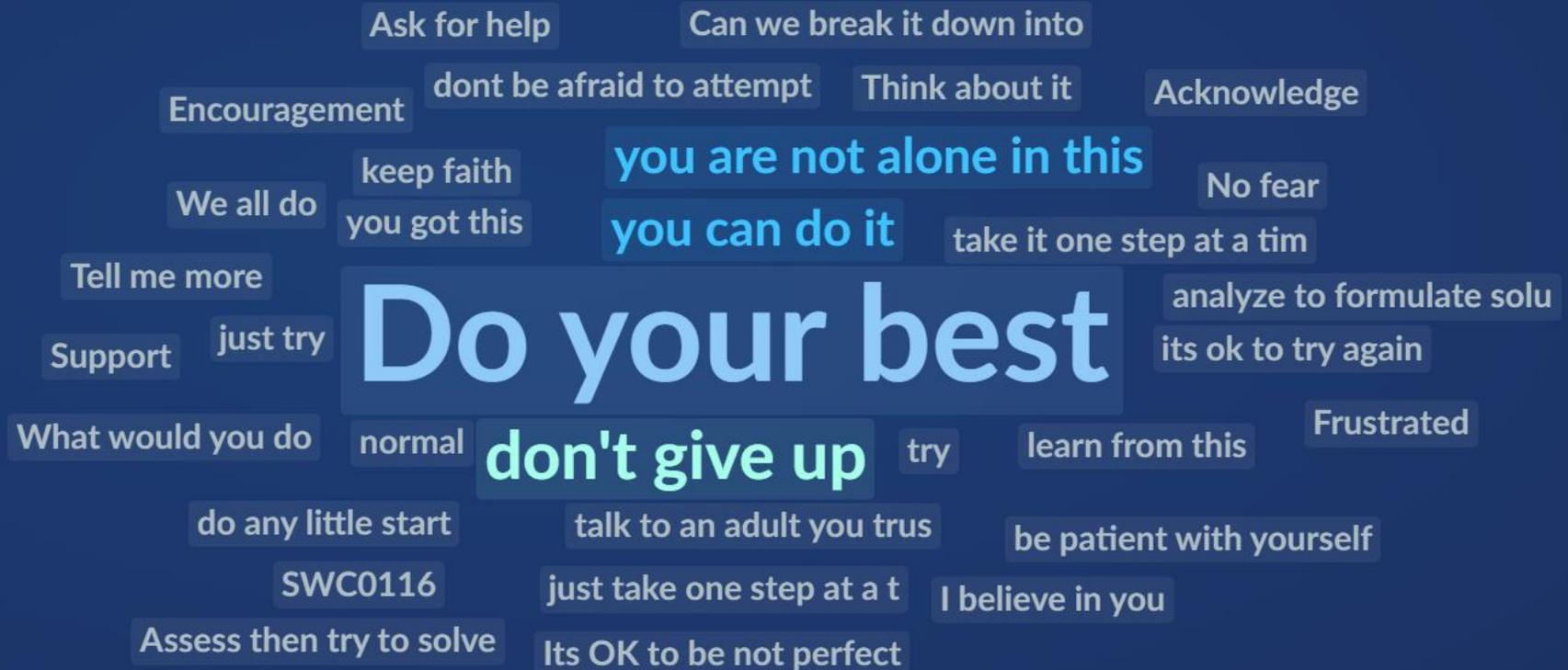
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Q3: When kids come across challenges – what do you tell them (as a Scouter, Parent/Elder, or Trusted Advisor)?



When kids come across challenges

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BP quotes:

- “The most worth-while thing is to try to put happiness into the lives of others.”
- “A Scout smiles and whistles under all circumstances.”
- “Success in training the [youth] depends largely on the [Scouter's] own personal example.”