

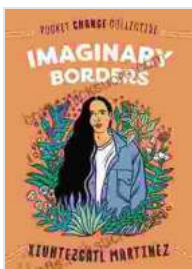
# Imaginary Borders (Pocket Change Collective)

The Pocket Change Collective, a group of dedicated artists and activists, is challenging the notion of borders, both physical and conceptual, through the power of art and community-building.

## Uniting Through Art: A Creative Sanctuary for Migrant Experiences

The Pocket Change Collective is an art collective rooted in the belief that creativity has the power to foster empathy, understanding, and social change. Their work focuses on highlighting the experiences of migrants and refugees, giving them a platform to share their stories and connect with others.

One of their most impactful projects, "Borders," is a series of community-engaged art exhibitions that explore the complexities of borders and the human stories behind them. Through interactive installations, storytelling, and artistic collaborations, these exhibitions have provided a safe and inclusive space for migrants and refugees to share their experiences and engage in dialogue with the broader community.



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## **Bridging Divides: Creative Activism for Social Justice**

Beyond their art exhibitions, the Pocket Change Collective is actively involved in community organizing and advocacy work. They collaborate with grassroots organizations, migrant rights groups, and policy-makers to advocate for policies that promote justice and equality for migrants and refugees.

Their "Know Your Rights" workshops empower migrants with essential legal information and resources, safeguarding their rights and ensuring their access to healthcare, education, and other vital services. Through these workshops, the collective has reached thousands of migrants and helped them navigate the complexities of the immigration system.

## **Community-Driven Art: Empowering Voices and Fostering Belonging**

The Pocket Change Collective places community participation at the heart of their work. They believe that art is most powerful when it is created in collaboration with the communities it seeks to represent.

Their community art projects, such as the "Migrant Voices Mural" and the "Shared Stories" storytelling initiative, provide a platform for migrants and refugees to share their perspectives, challenge stereotypes, and foster a sense of belonging. These projects have created beautiful and meaningful artworks while also giving a voice to marginalized communities.

## **Challenging the Narrative: Countering Misinformation and Bias**

One of the key challenges addressed by the Pocket Change Collective is the pervasive misinformation and bias surrounding immigration. Through their work, they aim to counter these narratives and promote a more nuanced and empathetic understanding of migrant experiences.

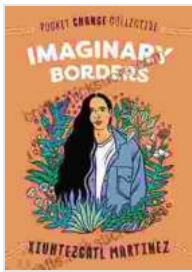
Their "Truth to Power" campaign utilizes fact-based storytelling to challenge common misconceptions about migrants and refugees. By sharing personal stories and highlighting the contributions of migrants to society, the campaign seeks to change hearts and minds and promote a more just and equitable world.

### **A Legacy of Impact: Transforming Communities and Inspiring Change**

The Pocket Change Collective has made a profound impact on the communities they serve and beyond. Their work has raised awareness about the challenges faced by migrants and refugees, fostered dialogue and understanding, and inspired a new generation of activists and advocates.

Their commitment to community-driven art and creative activism has created a ripple effect, empowering migrants and refugees, bridging divides, and transforming our collective understanding of the human experience.

As the Pocket Change Collective continues to grow and evolve, their mission remains steadfast: to challenge imaginary borders, celebrate diversity, and build a more just and compassionate society through the power of art and community.

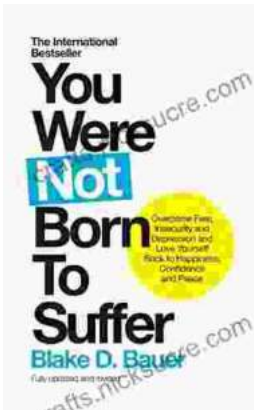


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