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When children make the art: Olimalar Foundation's Exhibition and Workshop in Kochi

On April 8, 2026, children's paintings will be on the walls of aikyam space in Mattancherry. The show 'Made with HeART' also has hands-on art stations and guided clay modelling. You can try calligraphy. Entry is free, and you do not need to register.

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A child draws a house with a yellow door. Another paints a fish bigger than the pond it swims in. Someone fills an entire page with rainbows, because why stop at one when you can have twelve?

On April 8, 2026, these paintings will be on the walls of aikyam space in Mattancherry, Fort Kochi. Children made every piece in the show, called **"Made with HeART"**.

What You Will Find Inside

The exhibition brings together artworks by children from across Kochi, organized by Olimalar Foundation.

But you will not just be looking at what is on the walls. The space is set up for you to make things too. Hands-on art stations let you sit down and create something of your own. Guided clay modelling is on offer. You can also try calligraphy, with letters that look like they belong on old temple walls.

All of this is beginner-friendly and open to all ages. You do not need to know how to draw. You can walk in without registering.

Who Is Behind It

Olimalar Foundation runs education and community programmes for young people. Their LifSkool initiative focuses on learning through creative engagement, and this exhibition is an extension of that work.

aikyam space is in the Mattancherry area. If you have been to the Biennale venues along Bazaar Road, you already know this part of town. It is a short walk or auto ride from Fort Kochi.

Why Children's Art Matters

Kochi has had no shortage of art exhibitions this season. The Kochi-Muziris Biennale 2025-26 just wrapped up on March 31. If you spent time at the ABC Art Room workshops or the Students' Biennale, you already know what happens when younger people make art. They make art without worrying about what critics think.

This show keeps that energy going. The children here are not thinking about colour theory or composition rules. They are drawing what they see and what they imagine. They also draw what makes them happy.

A house gets a yellow door because yellow is the best colour. The fish gets bigger than its pond because that is how big the fish felt. You can learn something useful by standing in front of a painting made by someone who has not yet learned to second-guess themselves. Adults spend years trying

to get back to that kind of creative freedom. Here, you can see it on every wall.

Getting There

aikyam space on Lalan Road is in Mattancherry, close to other Fort Kochi and Mattancherry landmarks. From the Chinese fishing nets area, it is about a 15-minute auto ride (Rs 50-80). If you are coming by Water Metro, get off at the Mattancherry stop and walk from there.

The Details

- "Made with HeART" is a children's art exhibition with hands-on art and clay modelling. You can also try calligraphy.
- It takes place at aikyam space in Mattancherry, Kochi.
- Entry is free, and you do not need to register. Drop in anytime.
- For contact, call +91 98472 83088 or message @olimalarfoundation. You can also visit olimalarfoundation.org.

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Synagogue
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Chinese fishing nets / Vasco da Gama Square
Historic building
Bazaar Road
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