

VAdv Follow-up Activities

Text Type: TED talk

Week: 1

Title: Before I die, I want to...

Author/Speaker: Candy Chang

Follow-up Writing:

1. Use reported speech to outline what Candy Chang says about the benefits of sharing thoughts and feelings with others in public spaces, as was done in her project.
2. What type(s) of evidence does Chang use to support her argument? Examples? Anecdotes? Research/statistics? Explain, giving examples from the listening.

Discussion:

1. Do you think a “Before I Die, I Want To...” wall would be popular on the university campus? What about in your hometown or city? Why do you think so?
2. Do you think a wall like this, in public space, can help bring a community together?
3. What other things might neighbours want to share on such a wall?
4. If you had a chance to write on Candy Chang’s wall, what would you write?