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**Empowering Youth – Advocacy through Art**

AKRON, OHIO. There is more to art than making it. From April 3 through April 11, the Akron Art Museum will host an exhibit to raise awareness of the impact of tobacco on the community from the youth's perspective. The exhibit will include more than 50 student-created art pieces.

Summit County Public Health (SCPH) collaborated with the Akron Art Museum, Akron Public Schools, Coventry Local Schools, and Archbishop Hoban High School to implement a tobacco prevention curriculum. The curriculum contained lessons on the history of tobacco and nicotine use, the dangers of nicotine addiction, the commercial tobacco industry's marketing tactics, and youth and adult cessation resources. Youth were then engaged in a hands-on art project that allowed them to creatively express the impact of tobacco. The provocative art showcases the youth's voice while capturing the attention of the community and raising awareness to promote the Campaign for Tobacco-Free Kids "Take Down Tobacco- National Day of Action."

The community is invited to view the pieces that capture the students' unique perspective throughout the week and at the free open house on April 11, from 5 pm to 8 pm.

To learn more about local resources and programs visit  
[https://scph.link/Quit\\_Tobacco](https://scph.link/Quit_Tobacco)

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