Dear Sir or Mdm

My name is Justin Mulrooney and I am an artist and a chess player doing a Masters in art, design and social practice in the Limerick Institute of technology. I was wondering if the chess clubs or any chess players would help me with my project?

I'm interested in chess and how that it can be communicated and miss communicated as well as the narrative or story that can happen to a chess game. As well as the positive effects that chess can have on a great deal of people.

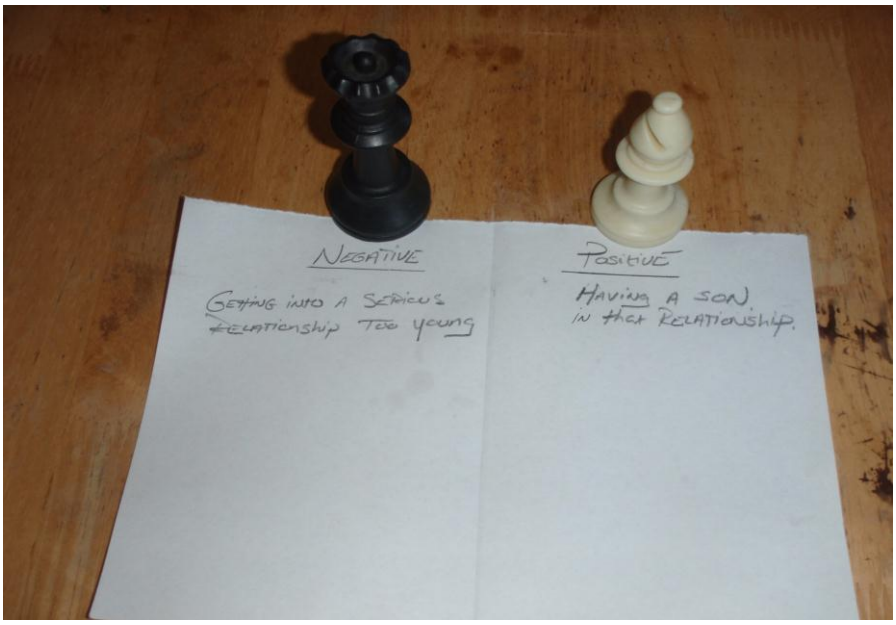
There is two projects that I would like to initiate/start, the first being “occupy chess positive space” every chess player or family of that chess player or anyone connected would pick two pieces say a black and white piece and be photographed with each chess piece that they have chosen (can be any). The black being a negative thing in your lives and the white being a positive that has come out of that negative. (positive/negative could be chess related and typed).



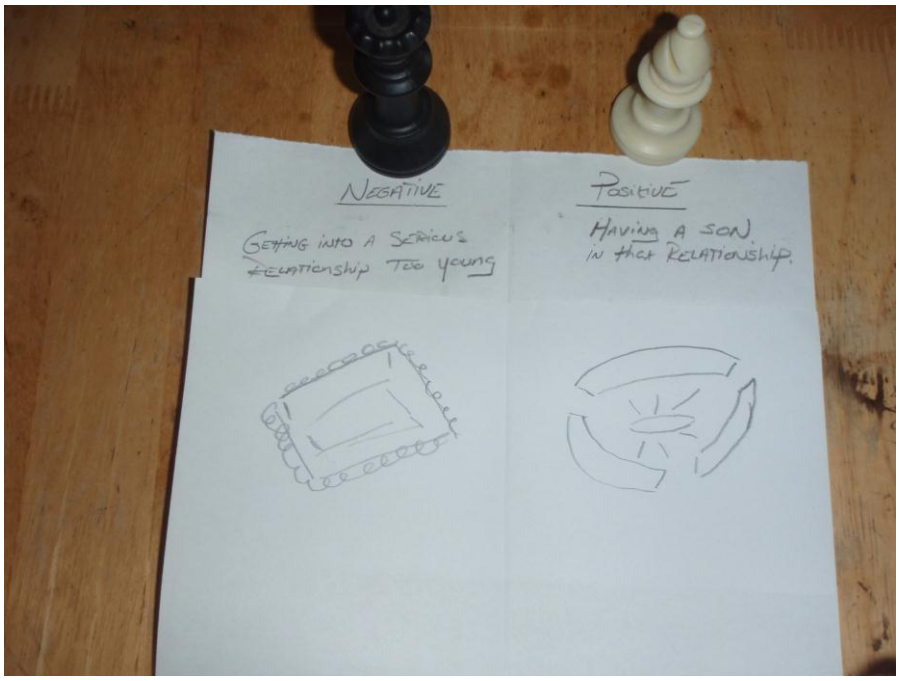
Photograph of chosen chess pieces (if you don't have chess pieces you could draw or get some images from the Internet)

If by chance you don't have a chess set you can draw the pieces of what you think they look like or you can get some images from the Internet whatever your most comfortable with.

Then write a short note (which could also be photographed so it can be sent by e-mail) about that negative and the positive. And then make an abstract drawing or photograph (drawing, painting or picture) that also represents either or both the positive or the negative, clearly marking which is the positive picture and which is the negative.



positive and negative situations (this can also be typed)



Here is the positive/negative pictures these can also be coloured or painted

One of the reasons that I want to do this project with the black and white pieces is to show that chess can have a positive impact on people's lives.

<u>What you need for this project occupy chess positive space</u>

1. Photographs with the individual and their chosen chess pieces (black and white)



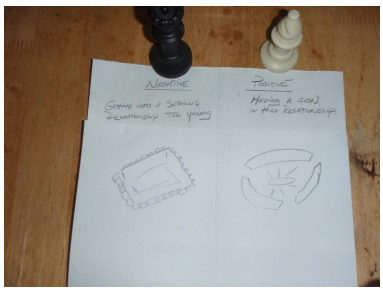
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2. Two separate notes with the negative/positive things that have come out of that negative/positive in your lives.(Could be chess related)



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3. Two separate drawings or photographs (clearly marked positive and negative)



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5. please be aware that this work will be presented in public and hopefully this will leave people with a positive attitude towards chess and life.

The other idea that I would like to do would be through e-mail.

I was wondering if any chess players would take part in a little experiment? Basically I want to explain a chess game but I will warn you the rules may change at any time, you of course can partake in this changing of the rules. Except when explaining were the pieces move or what pieces are moving. As an example first move for white could be explained like this i.e. move

1. little boy near the edge of the river travels as far as it can. Adds up to (b3)

Be as creative as possible with your words (have fun) and after every move you think I make, take a photograph let's see if we can both come up with the same game? (Highly unlikely) problems within communication can happen all the time.

Don't send me the photographs until the end of the game.

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