



ONE BILLION STARS



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One Million Stars installation in King George Square. Photo: Lauren Panrucker.



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INSPIRATION:

**Returning hate for hate only multiplies hate  
adding deeper darkness to a night already  
devoid of stars. Darkness cannot drive out  
darkness; only light can do that. Hate cannot  
drive hate; only love can do that.**

DR MARTIN LUTHER KING JNR



# About One Billion Stars

## Weaving one billion stars for violence free communities by 2032

In 2021, One Billion Stars was launched to encourage communities around the world to continue weaving stars as symbols of hope, courage, and solidarity to end all forms of violence, including violence against women. One Billion Stars aims to bring communities across the globe together to weave one billion stars for violence free communities by 2032.

One Billion Stars, formerly known as the One Million Stars to End Violence project, was created in 2012 by weaving artist Maryann Talia Pau, after the rape and murder of Jill Meagher.

"I was so moved by my local and church community at the time, that I was motivated to find a way to work through the grief and the rage."

"I decided to teach as many people as possible to weave an 8 pointed star, the same star that my mother wove growing up in Samoa and to collect one million woven stars for a display in 2018.

"After seeing some words by Dr Martin Luther King Jnr in the sea of flowers for Jill, I ran up to my studio, I grabbed some florist ribbon and started weaving an 8 pointed star that comes from the Pacific Islands." Maryann Talia Pau

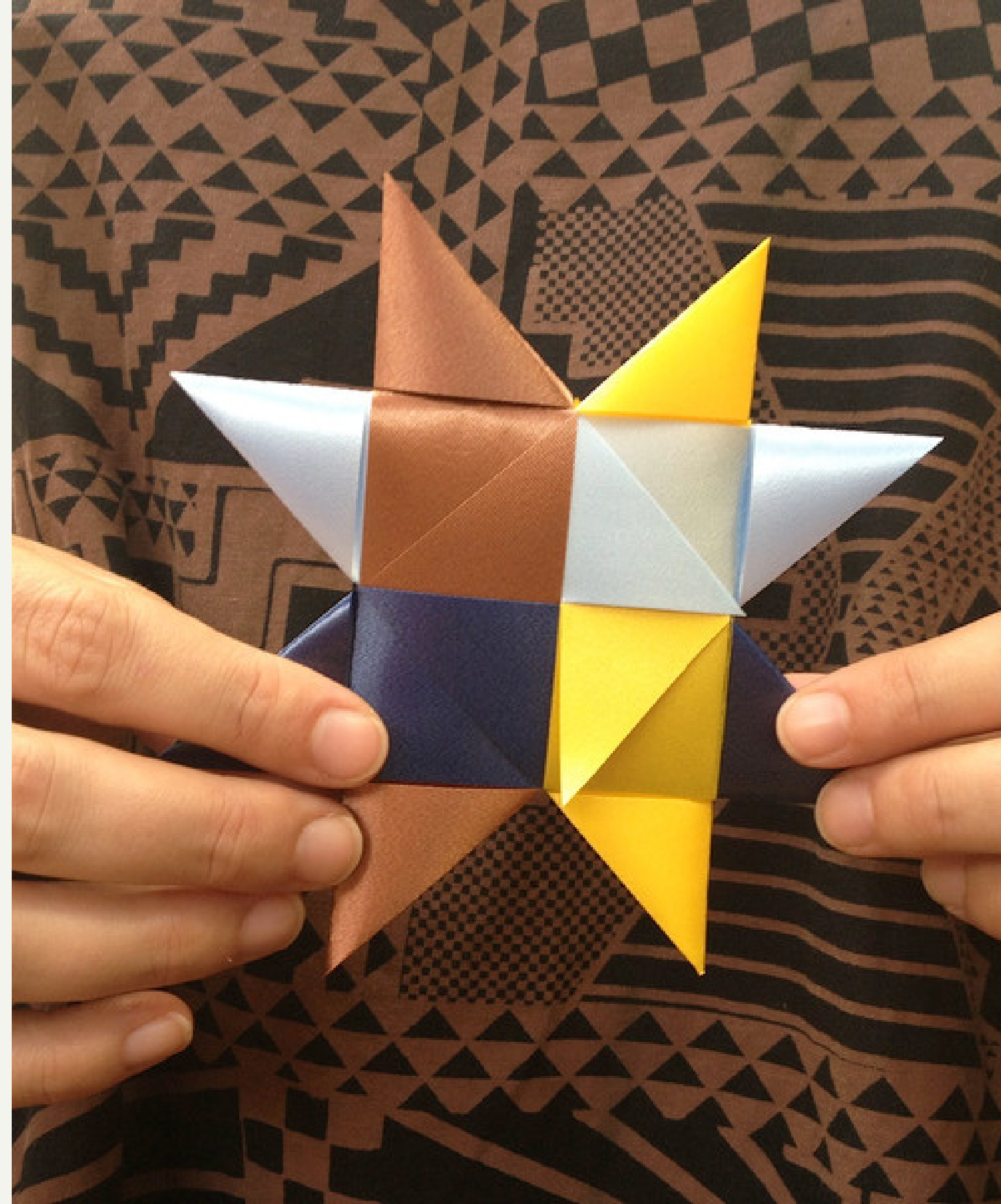
Not only did we reach our original goal of one million woven stars for a stunning installation in Brisbane for the 2018 Commonwealth Games, but we doubled that. In fact, we received over 2.4 million stars from over 15 countries.

We also partnered with some incredible human beings within the Queensland Government, Museum of Brisbane, Lumen & Cloud and Human Ventures AND we created a global community of solidarity to end violence."

Star weaving communities continue to gather, grow, and protest in creative, inclusive ways, not just in times of tragedy, but every day.

This craft is to be shared with others, to build stronger relationships in our communities, to nurture our mental health and so much more.

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# Become a Star Weave Community



## THE BIG DESIGN MARKET

The first installation of 12,000 stars in 2012. Royal Exhibition Building Melbourne

The Big Design Market. Photo: Nik Harrison 2012



## VAKA TO A BILLION STARS

Silo Park. Auckland City Council. Matariki Festival 2021

Vaka to A Billion Stars Photo: Raymond Sagapolutele 2021



## 2018 COMMONWEALTH GAMES

Over 400 communities participated in weaving stars, including 200 + schools

Helensvale State High School. Photo: Embracing 2018 / GC2018



# Resources

## GET INVOLVED

Visit our website [www.onebillionstars.net](http://www.onebillionstars.net) to watch our star weaving tutorial and to read our [beginners illustrated guide on how to weave a paper star](#). Work with us to run a star weaving workshop with your community.

## BECOME A STAR WEAVE COMMUNITY

[A Star Weave Community](#) pledges to weave at least 10,000 stars. If you decide to weave more, that's amazing! Communities are encouraged to display their stars as part of the one billion stars total.

## ARTICLES & GUIDES

We have created [articles and other resources](#) to help communities understand what the One Billion Stars project is about and to help get involved.

Photo: Vaka to A Billion Stars by Matariki Festival 2021



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# Weave a Star. Start a Conversation.

## EVERYONE IS WELCOME

Anyone can weave a star.

One Billion Stars is about bringing people together, to experience positive relationships, joy and hope that we can end violence in our communities and create safety and dignity for everyone.

Learn how to weave a star and get started at [www.onebillionstars.net](http://www.onebillionstars.net)







# Founder

MARYANN TALIA PAU

Maryann Talia Pau is a Samoan-Australian weaving artist and founder of One Billion Stars.

She lives with her family in the Redlands on Quandamooka Country, Sth East Queensland.

Maryann has over a decade of experience as a public speaker, weaving workshop facilitator and visual artist and has exhibited work at the National Gallery of Victoria (NGV), Craft Victoria, Gallery of Modern Art (QAGOMA) and Caboolture Art Gallery.

Learn more about her work at [www.onebillionstars.net](http://www.onebillionstars.net) and [www.maryanntaliapau.com](http://www.maryanntaliapau.com)

Photo: Maryann Talia Pau by Alexia Rae Costello

