

Arty-Pants - Children's Artwork goes on show

nesa has been working in partnership with Barnardo's Norton Radstock Family Centre on a project which was set up to help children dealing with challenging situations express themselves through creative activities. During June there was a public exhibition of the artwork the children produced for the first time, alongside a Project Review Day.

Set up over 2 years ago, 'The Art Group' as they named themselves, involves children aged from 6 to 11 exploring different artistic media as a way of expressing 'big' feelings about themselves and their everyday lives. The project is funded by the Paul Hamlyn Foundation.

This is not a 'therapy' project but aims to achieve therapeutic outcomes for troubled children. No direct work is undertaken about the children's background issues; the benefits come from the opportunity for the children to express their feelings creatively through a range of art forms.

The project is holistic in its delivery, involving the children themselves, their parents/carers and their schools. All the children put a great amount of effort into their artistic creations, though with any artistic process there are often moments of clarity and times of frustration! The adults' role is to support the children in the release of their feelings through their artistic creations.



Examples of artwork at The Art Group

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Welcome to our July 2007 newsletter. It's jam-packed full of info about what we've been getting up to. From keeping kids fit, to recycled fashion. If you want to know more about any of our stories, please do not hesitate to contact us on 01761 437251, or at info@nesacreativechange.org.uk

Crafty Sew & Sew Fashion Project

Over the past year nesa has funded an initiative run by young people, for young people, in Radstock. The project used recycled materials, fashion design and making to engage youngsters in current issues.

Young people in Radstock worked for over 20 weeks to produce a 2007 Spring Collection of hand-made designer clothing, with local textile artist and fashion designer, Kate Roberts.

The teenagers have transformed items of clothing found in charity shops and jumble sales into exciting new pieces of art and design – from Alice in Wonderland themes, Rave and Street Wear to high class Ballgowns.

nesa works in partnership with B&NES Youth Services to provide opportunities to Young People to become involved in projects using the arts as a method of expression and discussion of the issues that currently influence their lives.

Young People & CREATIVITY

Mood board from Sew & Sew Fashion Project



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Caernarvon Rd, Keynsham
'Transformations' Project

Transforming Homes & Dreams

A cup of tea and dreams are made in a magnolia kitchen at 20a. "My dream is to have a nice new kitchen," says Sue. Memories of originally taking up residency in Caernarvan Road were filled with painful recall of a traumatic, life-changing car accident. Now, excited about moving on, "We couldn't have expected any better if we were paying £100,000 for our own home," she said, acknowledging support of Paul Snow, Housing Officer for Keynsham. Eagerly awaiting news of the new tailor-made home in Kelston Road, husband Gary, as part of the Transformations Project, agreed to a daily walk to the site to document developments on his digital camera. "4 months, 3 days," he said. "We couldn't have had more input from Site Agent Paul of Halsall Construction". Meanwhile, who is that woman waiting in the blue room at 26a looking out of the window? by Jill Carter – Engagement Artist.

nesa's Transformations project is working in partnership with Somer Community Housing Trust and the residents of Caernarvon Road, Keynsham to document the relocation of the residents, the demolition of their old homes and the building of new homes in the area, through the eyes of the residents, their thoughts and feelings and the artworks produced.

Where I Live

nesa started the first phase in May, of a long-term creative community development scheme working with Somer Community Housing Trust and other development agencies within Radstock taking a long, hard look at areas of social housing in the Radstock Tyning area. **nesa** will work with the residents to document their lives and seek ways of making improvements that will act as a consultation document for all agencies working in

NEIGHBOURHOOD Arts



Children getting "Fit for Life" in Radstock



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Fit for Life

nesa recently completed a highly successful project with St Nicholas Primary School in Radstock around the themes of healthy eating and body image. Working with a Physical Theatre Performer and a Stone Carver for 10 weeks during spring, the youngsters produced a comic routine about the pitfalls of eating junk food, and beautiful plaster carvings of healthy living images that will be sited permanently around the school. This partnership with the Health Visiting Team introduced new ways of tackling childhood obesity and encouraging healthy living, using the arts as a mood enhancer and instigator for change.

the area listening to the needs of the residents. A photography exhibition and documentary-style film will kick-start phase one of the process and invite suggestions for continued renewal in the area.

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nesa is spearheading a new arts festival for the East Mendip area which will take place on 21st, 22nd and 23rd September 2007. Bringing together the vibrant towns of Norton Radstock, Frome and Shepton Mallet, a variety of artists in all disciplines will put on an array of workshops, open studios, seminars and events to raise the profile of creative industry within this area and showcase artistic wealth amongst our beautiful landscapes. Artists from across the area are invited to register their interest at this initial stage. Contact us on 01761 437251 or email info@nesacreativechange.org.uk for further information.

