



Media Release

Stowe Club Mural Projects

Children and Youth Leaders from the Stowe Club joined up with Thames 21 and Tidy Britain Group to launch a pioneering recycled art workshop at the Stowe Youth and Community Club, Westbourne Green on Wednesday October 18th.

Thanks to London's Waterway Partnership and TBG, the recycled mural project aims to transform an area along the Grand Union canal plagued by litter, graffiti and crime, by cleaning up the area and designing a 20ft mural made out of discarded materials found in and around London's waterways.

The young people have been working with London artist Kevin Herlihy, renowned for his sculptures at Surrey Docks Farm, to develop ideas for the mural, which will be placed overlooking the canal in the early spring.

Stowe Youth Leader Florence Horton said: "The mural is the first stage in enhancing the local environment for this community. Following on from this we are planning a community garden project, which we hope will encourage people to take pride in the area and make it a safer, cleaner and more enjoyable place to spend time in."

Kevin said "we started the project with a canal trip which gave the children a chance to explore what the canal was used for in the past, and now in the present. Also we talked about what lives in it, in order to develop ideas and draw the design for the mural. It gives the children a chance to learn about the canal and the confidence to be creative. Fifty children have been involved in the project so far, many of whom had not been included in an art project

before, and are discovering that art can take many forms and above all it is fun!”

All the people involved at Stowe Club agree that this litter-into-art project is special because it’s changing a negative situation into something positive.