

Report



Arts & Crafts Workshop November 2012

This four week block was a very popular club, growing in attendance weekly. Within the four weeks the children achieved a lot and learned a diverse range of skills; from Paper Mache masks to Clay Pigeon making. Some had worked with these materials before, but for most they were learning new skills.

Most rewarding as a youth leader was getting better insights into their personalities through their different approaches to the same task; some would begin cautious and slow whilst others executed the same task quickly

and confidently. Some children who are normally very loud and outspoken became very quiet whilst concentrating. Some children who don't like to speak in big groups were finding new ways of expressing themselves. It was a great way for the children to feel confident in their own approach as we encouraged them to go about the same task in their own way with no mistakes possible.

The children got the chance to work with an external artist who came in to teach them how to make clay pigeons. She worked

well with the children and it was rewarding to see them comfortable to interact and have a laugh with her, and respect her as she taught them. The children soaked up all of her direction and knowledge as she taught them how to make and paint a clay bird. She also showed and taught them about different types of birds, and gave them books to look through and find birds that resembled their personalities.

On a whole, the group of children in the club have creative and energetic personalities that were encouraged and channelled positively throughout this workshop. Not only were the children learning new skills and being allowed to make a mess and have fun in the name of art, they were also naturally learning about themselves and gaining confidence in a medium of self expression.

