



“Reach For the Torch”

Pass the Passion Schools Torch Outreach

Delivered by Future Creative



Project Report - October 2011



“**Reach for the Torch**” was Pass the Passion’s school torch outreach project, which saw Future Creative working in partnership with Vista Leisure to deliver a programme of arts and cultural experiences for children in the Dover Extended Schools district (DES). The delivery model involved a wide range of practitioners and was marketed to schools in the DES area. The programme was funded by the Pass the Passion steering group, and allowed participating schools to book their workshop with Future Creative free of charge.

The Kent 20in12 learning programme’s **PRIDE** values were at the heart of the delivery:

Personal excellence, **R**espect & friendship, **I**nspiration, **D**etermination & courage, **E**quality



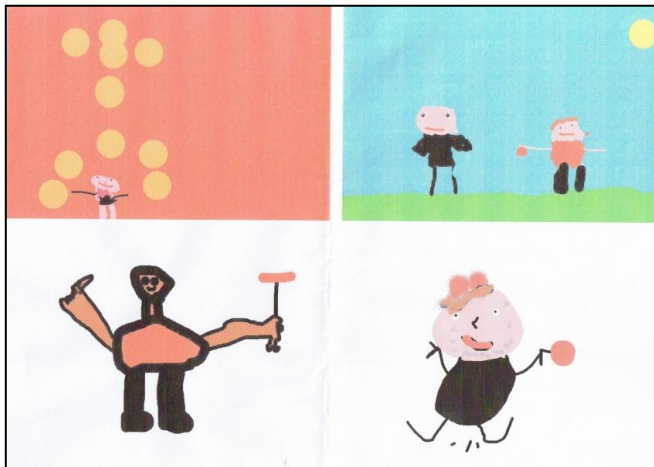
Objectives

- To build momentum for the Olympics and Paralympics
- To ensure that every child and young person in Kent has the opportunity to engage in the cultural Olympiad, experiencing educational cultural experiences relating to the London 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games.
- To create potential for cross curricular work, and cross-phase collaboration, from Early Years to year 11.
- To support children in exploring one or more of the 5 PRIDE values, through arts and cultural activities
- To allow schools in the DES district to engage with creative practitioners and professional artists



Torch Outreach workshops

Between September 2010 and July 2011, schools in the DES area received free workshops delivered by a creative practitioner representing Future Creative. Using the handcrafted Pass the Passion Olympic torch as inspiration, Creative Practitioners made the torch and PRIDE values fully relevant to the young people, placing them within the context of their modern day interests.

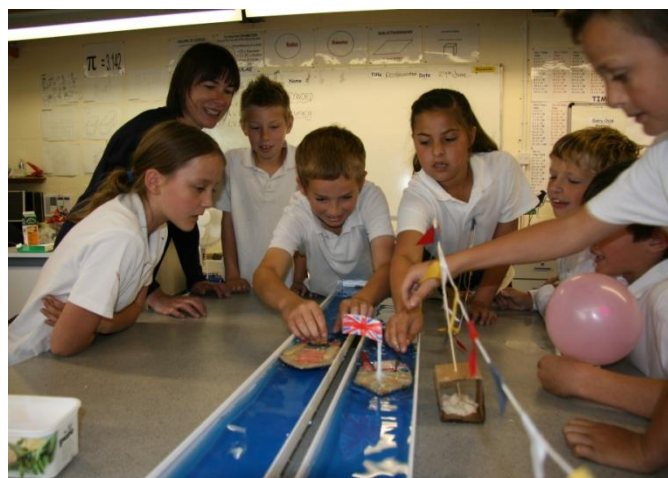


Out of 50 schools in the DES area that we targeted, 33 schools took up the offer of a free workshop.

Kingsdown and Ringwold pupils drew their own impressions of their circus skills workshop.

Over 1000 children took part in a Torch Outreach workshop, with many more present in assemblies lead by creative practitioners. Many of the workshops focused on important lifestyle issues and choices. Topics covered included Determination, Healthy Eating, Children in Need and Anti-Bullying. Harbour School's creative practitioner used music to look at the issues surrounding recycling in their session (PRIDE value Respect). Teacher Denise Baker remarked, "Fantastic. The tutor had the children eating out of the palm of his hand".

Around 90 hours of workshops were delivered by 10 different practitioners. The art-forms used to deal with each topic were as varied as the issues themselves. Pupils experienced South African gumboot dance, stained glass window making, Samba, music making and creative storytelling, taught to them by creative practitioners from all over the globe!





Kingsdown & Ringwould School received a circus skills workshop towards the end of July (PRIDE value Determination and Courage). Participating teacher Rose Cope sent the following feedback; “Wow, awesome, fantastic and funny, one of the best end-of-term treats we have ever offered. We are keen to continue our relationship with Future Creative”

Teacher Hatty Clifford at Astor College noted the longer term use of the outcomes from their craft session; “It was fantastic and we still have the torches/badges that were created. They are being used for our 2012 work.”

Year groups taking part ranged from Reception to Year 8. Carol Hull at St. Mary's CE Primary School was encouraged by the peer-learning that took place in her year 1 and 4 groups following their drama workshop dealing with courage. “The children were enthused about their learning. They talked about it to the others and then taught the rest of the class what they learnt.”

Festival Celebration

Future Creative also contributed to the annual Pass the Passion festival at Castle Hill Community School. The celebration festival was attended by **24 schools** taking part in **28 different workshops** offers, covering Olympic Stadia, Art & Culture, and Olympic and Paralympic sports. The pupils rotated between different stations, ensuring they experienced a workshop from each of the above categories. Future Creative provided the 10 workshops focusing on ‘Olympic Stadia.’

Statement from project manager Julie Lerner

‘As provider of the Reach for the Torch outreach programme for Pass the Passion, Future Creative is delighted with how the programme took place. It was fantastic to work creatively with the PRIDE values; not only did they provide a clear foundation to link each workshop together, they also served as a springboard for our practitioners to creatively respond to a wide range of significant topics and themes.



Creative Practitioner Paul Tann in action with Kingsdown & Ringwould pupils



As a result, a great variety of themes and art forms were apparent in the workshops. Working with the Pass the Passion steering group was empowering, and we felt fully supported by them. It quickly became clear from the feedback, photos and drawings that we received from schools that the pupils thoroughly enjoyed their sessions - some schools even requested a second visit!

Workshops delivered

School	Theme	Art form
Harbour School Dover	Recycling	Music
Hornbeam Primary	Local environment	Visual arts
St. Mary's Dover	Diwali	Circus skills
Capel le Ferne	Multiculturalism	Storytelling/drama
Green Park	Anti-bullying	Theatre/drama
Astor College for the Arts	Children in Need	Crafts
Aycliffe	Anti-bullying - taking action together	Theatre/drama
St. Margaret's Dover	Healthy eating/living	Crafts
Lydden	Multiculturalism/anti-racism	Theatre/drama/ dance
Vale View	Multiculturalism	Drama/music
Sandown	History and geography of the Olympics	Drama
White Cliffs Primary	Multiculturalism	Music
Guston CEP	Storytelling week - Chinese & multicultural stories	Storytelling/ literature/drama
Eastry C of E Primary School	Respect and Friendship	Drama
Deal Parochial	RE week - friendship, respect and equality	Art - stained glass with pride values
Preston	Olympic values	Drumming - creative writing and music
Sandwich Junior	Healthy eating/living	Crafts
St.Edmunds	Moral courage and determination	Music and Dance
Sandwich Infants	Determination etc	Music
Nonington	Multiculturalism	Music
Priory Fields	Sports/Olympics	Drama



Ash, Cartwright and Kelsey	Co-operation	Drumming/ gumboot
Elvington Primary	Literacy	Storytelling/drama
St. Martins Dover	Moving On	Drama
Northbourne CE	Multiculturalism	Circus and magic
Shatterlocks Infant	determination etc	Gumboot dancing
Aylesham Primary	Respect and Friendship	Gumboot dancing
Charlton Primary	Olympic/sports based.	Drama
Wingham Primary	Health and fitness?	Samba
Goodnestone CE	Olympics	Drama
Kingsdown & Ringwould	Circus skills	Circus skills
Sholden CE	Olympic values	Art
St. Mary's RC Deal	families	Drama

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Rose Cope, Kingsdown & Ringwould: "Wow, awesome, fantastic, funny and one of the best end of term treats we have ever offered. We are keen to continue our relationship with Future Creative and your practitioners so will be in touch and can you keep us informed of your availability and offerings. Please find attached some pics from the workshops. We have also sent in some pictures the children did after the event in hard copy! Highly successful, inspiring, fun and perfect timing!"

Harbour School: "Fantastic. The tutor had the children eating out of the palm of his hand"

St. Mary's CE Primary School: "The children were enthused about their learning. They talked about it to the others and then taught the rest of the class what they learnt."

Capel-le-Ferne Primary School: "The children loved it! They experienced learning through a different approach and got to explore new objects etc they had never encountered before"

Astor College for the Arts: "Our students thoroughly enjoyed the workshop."

Aycliffe Community Primary School: "The children worked well and understood what they were doing."

St. Margaret's-at-Cliffe Primary School: "The children really enjoyed having a special visitor... their attention was maintained throughout the activity."



Vale View Community School: “Children were asking lots of topical questions and enjoyed the games and songs.”

Rose Cope, on Paul Tann: “Brilliant humour, delivery and presence”

Northbourne pupils: “Great, funny, exciting, fantastic, mind-blowing, you made us laugh. It was just as exciting as being at the circus”

Sandwich Infants teacher – Lucky spent a bit too much time talking and not enough music for the session length, but “the kids loved the dancing at the end.”

Creative Practitioner Sara Kettlewell at Priory Fields Dover: “Some children with very challenging behaviour, but managed well by staff, and all joined in eventually. It was nice to do something particularly relevant to sport and the Olympics”

Creative Practitioner Melusi Tshuma at Aylesham Primary: “Everyone appeared to have a good time and so did I!”

Creative Practitioner Neil Kelly at Sholden School: “Great Session: Short sharp and fun. Teachers and T.A’s really helped to drive the session forward. Teachers were able to see the potential for follow up work.”