



Project Profile: Explore Create Share

What this project is about and why we're doing it

The Explore Create Share project aims to enable youth and community groups to take their messages about poverty and global issues out to new audiences in the community and make a big impact.

Recent highlights

Need or greed?

This piece of artwork has been created by the Project Group, following a series of workshops facilitated by Bridges. The artwork shares the Project Group members' thoughts, ideas and perspectives on poverty around the world. The entire artwork has been created using reclaimed and reused objects including tyre inner tubes, broken zips, old maps, spare buttons, chocolate wrappers and more.



This side of the artwork shows two trees – one a flourishing tree of wealth and one a dying tree of poverty. Each tree is decorated with leaves. The words stitched onto each leaf share the things that the Project Group members felt kept people rich or poor.



This side of the artwork is comprised of many pieces created by individual members of the Project Group. Each shares a different aspect of poverty or inequality and explores the many inter-linked issues that contribute to poverty around the world.

Next steps

The artwork will be on display in Oswestry Library in January. It will then be taken on tour by Bridges staff to different youth and community groups across Shropshire and Telford & Wrekin.

We'll be using the artwork as a unique and fun stimulus for workshops exploring poverty and how we might choose to respond. If you'd like your group to take part in one of these workshops then please get in touch with Nina at Bridges:

Nina Cowley on 01952 255526 or Nina@bridgesglobal.org.uk

Model UN Summit

Otherwise Engaged, a home-school group that meets near Bridgnorth, has been learning about the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs). These are eight goals for a fairer world, agreed by the UN in 2000 and to be achieved by 2015.

The group will hold their own model UN Summit in March when they will each represent a different country and debate and discuss how we can work together to support MDG 7 – ensure environmental sustainability.

The group will gain an ASDAN Short Course Award for their activities as part of this project.

This work has been possible with funding from the Big Lottery Fund.



Bridges promotes knowledge and learning in Shropshire for a fairer world. Our vision is a world where all people are respected, learn together and are able to take action.