

# Henshaws Arts & Crafts Centre Art Maker News June 2011

## Welcome to the latest Art Maker News!

This is a newsletter all about our Centre, the Art Makers and people who work here.

## Everyone likes the Arts & Crafts Centre – 100%!



**David gives us the thumbs up!** Recently we invited all our Art Makers to complete a questionnaire about what they think about the Centre. We are very proud and delighted to say that **100%** of our Art

Makers like the Arts & Crafts Centre and a further **100%** said staff are “friendly and helpful”. Nearly **100%** said they “enjoy working” here, have made “new friends” and feel “independent and safe” at the Centre.



## New Friends Yvonne & Zach

The questionnaire gave everyone the opportunity to tell us lots of other things, such as, wanting more information about the Art Maker Council and the weekly ‘News Flash’. We have now put plans in place to ensure that all Art Makers have all the information they need, so that they can all play an active role in the life of the Centre.

## Art Maker Council Election: a great success!

Not only were there elections all over the country on 5 May, but also here at the Arts & Crafts Centre. We had an election for 7 places on our Council and after wonderful campaigns, where 14



**The Art Maker Council** candidates stood for election, we are pleased to announce that the following people were elected:

**Wayne Pearce**  
**Jenna Foster**  
**Nick Cordier**  
**Danny Fryer**  
**Karen Briggs**  
**Daisy Wray**  
**Graham Cook**

They join 6 other Art Maker Council members.



### **Hooray for Social Enterprise!**

We are pleased to announce that Handmade@Henshaws our own Social Enterprise has been accepted as a member of Social Enterprise Yorkshire & Humberside.

**More News - Art Makers** recently delivered a large order of items to Fodder – which is a shop run by the Yorkshire Agricultural Society and acts as a shop window for local producers like us.



**Art Makers Andy & Jenna** make a delivery to Heather Parry who is in charge at Fodder.



### **A Good Old Fashioned Jumble Sale**

On Saturday 18 June the Art Maker Council will be holding a Jumble Sale at the Centre. They are raising money to buy a donkey for an orphanage in Albania. The Sale starts at 10.30, with the café and shop open and entry is 20p.

# Jobs for All!

Everyone is included at the Arts & Crafts Centre and when it comes to jobs, there's something for everyone! As well as our Art Makers working hard producing products for our Social Enterprise, there are all sorts of jobs that can be done. Here are just some of the many Art Makers who have chosen to do a job.



**Paul - Our Postman**



**Jenny - Our Eco-Warrior who leads our recycling group**



**Graham - Our Story Teller and Head of Fundraising**



**Ruhana - Our Crockery Queen**



**Andrew, Sam (Chairperson) and Debra (Vice Chairperson) - Members of our Art Maker Council listening to questions from Art Makers**

## A Unique Service

The Arts & Crafts Centre is the only local service to have a specialist team that ensures that everyone settles in properly. The Vision Support Service gives all our Art Makers a 1:1 assessment - making sure they can find their way around the Centre and the individual rooms, that they have information in an accessible format and lots of other important things to make sure they get the best out of the Centre. The Team can also advise on specialist support for visual impairment.



**Vicky, one of our Vision Support Team, catches up with Art Maker Tracey.**

## News from Henshaws Art Maker Council



### **Art Maker Council members Jenny and Di discuss an important issue**

Recently the Council met Rev Sue Reilly who talked about a project called 'Hope for Albania' and being involved. The Council will be visiting Hampsthwaite School at the end of June. The Buddy Scheme for new Art Makers is going very well. The new Library in the Common Room is open. The Council have asked the café for some more variety at lunch times and now we have pasta on the menu.

The Council has it's own email [artmakerCouncil@henshaws.org.uk](mailto:artmakerCouncil@henshaws.org.uk). There is an Art Maker Council notice board, at the Centre, next to the Paper Workshop.

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