

Winter Solstice Poetry Residency: Derby College of F.E.

With a Poetry Residency from Erewash Borough Council Arts Development Team Chrissie Hall was asked to identify a group to work with as part of the Winter Solstice event planned to take place in Ilkeston's Award Winning Victoria Park in December.

Challenges

- Making contact with a group.
- Arranging a venue.
- Agreeing a session timetable.
- Creating resources to engage a mixed age range with no previous experience of poetry workshops.
- Creating an alternative outcome when original plan became unsustainable.

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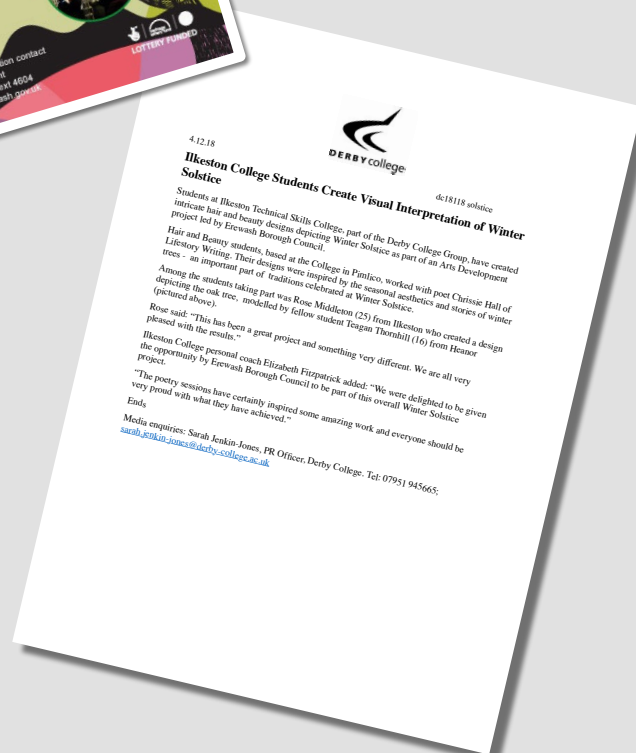
"This has been a great project and something very different. We are all very pleased with the results."

"The poetry sessions have certainly inspired some amazing work and everyone should be very proud with what they have achieved."



Solutions

- Liaise with senior staff at Derby College of F.E. Ilkeston Campus.
- Negotiate suitable session times and dates with Hairdressing Lecturer.
- Relate workshop outcome to students' study modules.
- Research inspirational stories, props, poems and themes to share with the group.
- Liaise with senior staff and students to create alternative indoor exhibition and demonstration.



Outcomes

- Students stepped outside their 'comfort zone' to engage with ancient myths, legends, customs and poetry relating to Winter Solstice.
- Students took their creativity to new levels, delighting themselves and their tutors by producing outstanding creative hairstyles interpreting Winter Solstice.
- An exhibition of 'Mood Boards' in Derby College, Ilkeston Campus.
- Demonstrations of hairdressing – Students created and modelled Winter Solstice styles on each other, and on doll head models at Derby College, Ilkeston Campus.
- Press coverage in Ilkeston Advertiser and Ilkeston Life.
- A performance of 'Hairdressing Students' Solstice Rap at Derby College.
- A performance of the Rap at Indoor Solstice Event.



SOLSTICE RAP

IT'S THE HAIRDRESSING STUDENTS' SOLSTICE RAP.
WITH COMBS AND BRUSHES AND A LITTLE BIT OF SLAP.
THEY CAN MAKE YOU GORGEOUS WITH THEIR POTIONS,
THEY CAN REINVENT YOU WITH THEIR LOTIONS,
CUTS AND COLOURS AND HAIR EXTENSIONS,
THEY'RE PACKED FULL OF GOOD INTENTIONS.
THEY'LL SHAMPOO YOU AND BLOW YOU DRY,
MAKE YOU BEAUTIFUL - IT'S WORTH A TRY!
LEVELS ONE AND TWO AND THREE...
THEY'VE GOT MAGIC IN THEIR FINGERS - SO GO AND SEE.



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