Post Office by Rosalie Schweiker: An Interactive Community Art Project

A **40 Artist Educator** Resource: Be Inspired by Rosalie Schweiker



Artist Rosalie Schweiker describes how she created an interactive community art project in a secondary school, where the pupils took on the roles of designer/makers and writers for the project.

This project was shared with AccessArt as part of the 40 Artist Educator Project, funded by Arts Council England, aiming to highlight and celebrate artist-led teaching and facilitation.

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This resource describes a post office, which was set up over a period of six weeks at <u>Frances Bardsley Academy</u> in Romford in 2011. The post office, which was initiated and developed by the artist Rosalie Schweiker in conversation with the school's permanent resident artist Denise Hickey, developed into a cross curricular collaboration between students, teachers and other school staff.

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"Faith's work creating sculptures using recycled or discarded plastic is really beautiful, and exceeds expectation of what we might consider scrap plastic being able to do. The processes she uses, particularly with the dancing figures, are all easily accessible to a school setting, with tape, card, wire being relatively inexpensive and simple to use. Delivering an Art project using waste plastic has cross curricular links with other subject areas, particularly PSHE and Geography where children may be learning about the environment and how to protect it" — Tobi, AccessArt.

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