

COMMUNITY WORKSHOPS
MTUBATUBA 22nd-23rd April 2014

ART
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A new major Mall, in the town of Mtubatuba in KwaZulu Natal in South Africa, is being built by Estantia Holdings, architects Equilibrium. Art Afrique has been commissioned to provide art for the Mall.



The name Mtubatuba is said to mean 'Creator of Opportunities'.

A series of workshops to involve the community in the art for the Mall, and to give back to the community in terms of skills, have been run for Art Afrique by veteran workshop host and Grammy winner Robin Hogarth. The workshops included the learners producing mural sections of waves as part of the artwork of which will go up in the Mall, as well as artworks for

their own use, using artists and skills from Art Afrique (Carol Hogarth).

Robin Hogarth is the South African representative of Artists for Human Rights, and a briefing on this campaign is the introduction to the workshops. The learners are then taken through aspects of how to create art from the book 'Art' by L Ron Hubbard, and aspects of the Way to Happiness by the same author, in particular the precept 'Safeguard and Protect your Environment'.

Four schools were involved in the project, a mix of secondary and primary. A total of 187 pupils did the workshops.



Here are excerpts from the responses of pupils.

Umfolozi Primary 37 pupils 22nd April 2014:

"I really enjoyed doing Art today..."

"I am very happy..."

"I really had a good time learning art....the work was wonderful"

"...art is very fun and creative"

"I like it very much"

"...we learned...how to take care of the environment and make a change"

"We learned about human rights..."

"...art is everything around you that you can create....I really enjoyed today..."

"It was my wonderful day today"

"I have seen much and learnt a lot"



Kingdom Christian College 49 pupils 22 April 2014:

"A good day of my life that I will never forget..."

"I hope to see how it looks in the mall..."

"Today was indeed a wonderful experience"

"I really enjoy(ed) my day and I love art"

"I learned what is art. I learned about responsibility. I learned how to work with other people. I learned about human rights"

"I learned that art is a precious thing... you must cherish and love art"

"I learnt how to live a happy and joyful life..."

"I have learnt a lot of wonderful thing(s) (The Way to Happiness, Art workshops, human right(s))"

"Art could also be used to make us feel better about human rights and the environment"

"What I have learned is that art is a way of communicating through various methods..."

"What (I) liked the most is when we were using our minds"

"I enjoyed laughing and people were so happy to participate"

"I enjoyed...the story about keeping the environment clean"

"You made my day in different ways"

"I also learnt the formula of communication..."



Teachers were also involved:



Mtubatuba Primary School 53 pupils 23rd April 2014:



"I really, really, really enjoyed making mosaic ..."

"Today was the best Artistic day ever..."

"I am very thankful. I will come...to the Mall..."

"I enjoyed everything that I learned today....it was fantastic...I really appreciate it."

"I really enjoyed this Art process. THANK YOU FOR BEING HERE! It was Awesome! (smiley face)"

"It was fun.... doing a fantastic mosaic. I wish you could come again (smiley face) I had so much fun."

"...it was super AWESOME"

"I really enjoyed the Art workshop..."

"I had a great and wonderful time...."

"Thank you for the book and the paper with human rights"

"I learned about human right(s)..."

"I really enjoyed today"

"Thank you to Art Afrique and Artists for Human Rights"



Nkodibe High School 48 pupils 23rd April 2014:

"This day I will never forget...."

"I learned about human rights...it was a(n) awesome workshop"

"I have learned so much (in) the workshop"

"I feel art in my body"

"I...learned about culture is only as great as its dreams...I learned ...dream(s) are dreamed by artists and how"

"I feel so happy..."

"I (am) so happy because today we learned about our human rights(s)"

"I learned to communicate with others and work as a team together"

"I have learned how to communicate and convey a message through art. And how you can make Beautiful artwork using things from the environment"

"I feel very happy and so good..."

"I really learned many things..."

"One day I'm going to be an artist"

"I'm very inspired by the work that is done today..."

"We are very grateful and thankful..."

Art Afrique artists also, as a gift to the schools, created a mosaic of each schools' shield and logo.



A great time was had by all!

