

Pot Doodle
Hengrove Community Arts College, Bristol, January 2004

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What can drawing be? What is it made of? Where is it found? Who does it? Why do it? These were just some of the questions explored in a major eight-day project at Hengrove Community Arts College in June.

Twenty Year 10 students researched these ideas through workshops with six different artists, visiting Arnolfini and engaging in discussions in small and large groups.

Justin McKeown took the young people on a journey of mark-making through Bristol city centre. Filmmaker Lucy Bailey worked with some of the young people to produce a creative documentary about drawing. With artist duo Jonathan Moxley and Sophie Warren, the students explored scale through creating giant projections of each other's houses. Frances Bossom worked with six of the students to support them in leading a workshop for Year 5 children at nearby Knowle Park Junior School.

This was the first time anything like this has happened at the school. It was a very successful example of building young people's confidence, showing themselves, and their teachers, just what they are capable of.



In addition to running workshops, making a film and researching drawing, the group also produced a proposal for an exhibition about drawing. The exhibition will be presented at the school's new gallery in October and will include the drawings, photographs and the film that resulted from the project.

As with all of Arnolfini's education programme, Pot Doodle took an experimental approach to young people's learning. The project used the processes of talking about and making contemporary art to explore new ways of communicating ideas. Ben Warrender, art teacher at Hengrove Community Art College described the project as "excellent learning through a range of learning styles. It extended pupils boundaries and expectations about art, building self-confidence and self-esteem."

Hengrove Community Art College has just completed its first year as a Visual Arts College and Pot Doodle was part of their ongoing relationship with Arnolfini.

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above: Article from Arnolfini's Inside Out for Schools, P2, No 1

Pot Doodle Exhibition
 The Art Gym, Hengrove Community Arts College, October 2003



Pot Doodle Peer Led Workshops
Knowle Park Junior School, July 2003



above: Workshop Leaders receiving their certificates at Knowle Park Junior School.

right: Chris working with a group of Year 6 students



below: Year 6 students creating a drawing with masking tape.

