

## Up-cycling event Report

In April we held an upcycling art and craft workshop at the Town Hall to give young people something to do during the holiday. We learned some lessons about target age range, session timings and clashes with other activities and proposed to organise another workshop for the summer.

At the last committee meeting it was resolved to ask the LYN for funding for the next workshop.

I have applied for funding for two half-day workshops to be hosted in the Town Hall. I've checked the dates that the Scrap Store can do and they have confirmed the afternoons of the 9<sup>th</sup> and the 16<sup>th</sup> of August (Wednesdays)

The funding from the LYN means that our target audience should be 11 to 19 year olds, which means that there will be something on offer to stop local youngsters getting bored on their holiday.

However, at the April workshop we got the best attendance from the 10 years and under group. Some 13 year olds that I spoke to weren't interested. Some 14 year olds came and weren't impressed so they left (though this may be as a result of the approach used by the facilitator, which was better suited to the younger age group). Parents who brought younger children after talking to Catherine, said that when they saw the age range go up to 14, they didn't even think of bringing their children.

It seems that making an age range too wide will discourage either ends of the scale from wanting to participate. Given that we are going to get funding (it seems quite certain) for the two older age range sessions, I would like to propose that we go ahead and book a separate workshop solely focused on much younger children, and again make that half a day. The cost would be £120 plus a small budget for refreshments.