

## Faith & Diversity through Art

Saturday 19 March 2011



### Celebrating R.E. Month

TIFFY celebrated the national R.E. Month of March, 2011 by visiting Bicton College near Budleigh Salterton to explore 'Faith and Diversity' through a Felt-Making Workshop, led by Lecturer Gill Burbidge. Twenty four young people from Brixham College, Churston Grammar School, Coombeshead College, South Devon College, St Cuthbert Mayne School, Torquay Boys' Grammar School, Torquay Community College, Torquay Girls' Grammar School and Westlands School formed the party, supervised by TIFFY Leaders and Supporters.



### Felt Making Workshop

Gill welcomed 'a super group of young people' to share with them 'the joy of felt-making as a symbol of diversity.'



Felt-making is the entangling of unique fibres through friction. It is a metaphor for the diverse social relations which enrich our lives.



*'Working in teams we laid out the rainbow-coloured fibres to compose our designs. It was nice working in a team to learn new skills and create something we could be proud of.'*

Gill introduced the young people to the art of felt-making by hand, from fleece.



*'I realised that all the colours and threads represent us and after a bit of friction, water and soap, we all become one!'*

*'I loved all the colours and the good workmanship in my team.'*



*'I enjoyed seeing all the young people from different cultures, faiths and no faith, getting on enthusiastically and sharing views and thoughts.'*



*'Making the felt was very creative and different and illustrated a way in which we could start to be self-*



*sufficient.' 'It allowed us to put our imaginations together to produce unique items.'*



*'I would like to continue felt-making and make accessories.'*



*'I enjoyed working with new people, seeing the different opinions they expressed and decisions they made.'*



*'I appreciated working with other people to make a fantastic final piece of art, entirely by hand.'*





# Faith & Diversity through Art - Bicton College

**Bicton's Beautiful Setting**  
*'Bicton is an incredibly beautiful place and I will never forget it.'*



Paul gave us a tour of the impressive parkland, including the walled garden and arboretum. We also explored the Library and Computer Suites.

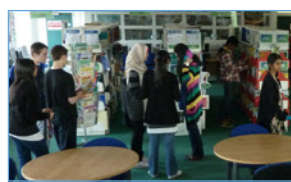
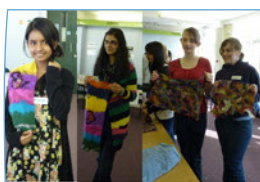
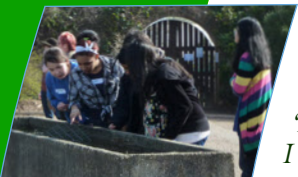
*'I hope to come back for a visit in the future.'*



*'Making felt made me realise the importance of diversity, meeting new people and how strong we are together. The felt symbolised these lessons for me and they will stay with me, because my piece of felt will always be there.'*



*'Maybe I will attend an Open Day and broaden my future career choices.'*



*'I learned that when working in a team, we can achieve things on a much bigger scale than as an individual, but you should also have your own voice.'*



*'How much diversity there is around us!'*

## Vegetarian Lunch

Prepared by Jackie and her team

*'From the mixture of Faiths, I realised how we can work together to produce something amazing!'*

*'The way life interacts with us is always multi-cultural and eventually small things help to create something remarkable.'*

*'We need different faiths and relationships to make an enjoyable society.'*

*'Friendship is the best thing in the world!'*



Bicton students helped out and commented, *'These young people will turn into open-minded, co-operative adults.'*



*'I enjoyed everything – the felt-making, fun, food, friendship and fantastic artistic designs.'*



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← Gill presented the certificates

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