

# Bridging the Gap News

**Designs on the Greenway**

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At the beginning of October, 17 Year 7 pupils from Brampton Manor Secondary School were given the low-down on the Olympic Delivery Authority's plans to transform a section of the Greenway, which will be the main walkway through the heart of the Olympic Park, by Kath Markey, ODA project sponsor.

The presentation was part of a two day Bridging the Gap roadshow. Bridging the Gap is a groundbreaking 2012 architecture and built environment education programme funded by Newham Council which aims to help children and young people understand the scale of change brought about by hosting this major sporting event and to promote ownership of the developments.

Over the 2 days, the children mapped a section of the Greenway during a field study trip – taking photographs, recording interviews with users and collecting samples. The group was also treated to a bird's eye view of the 2012 Games developments at the Viewing Gallery at Holden Point in the centre of Stratford.

Back at school the talented children produced an amazing 3½ m map of the Greenway using the information collected and designed an enormous 6 m long 3 dimensional architectural model bursting with the most fantastic design ideas to transform this northern outfall sewer pipe into a welcoming, multi functional pedestrian route into the Olympic park which has 'wowed' the 2012 team!

During the roadshow the children learnt facts about the 2012 Games and the regeneration of Newham as well as specific skills like map reading and model making and most importantly they were inspired and had fun.

'It makes me feel proud because I know I can do some things like that I didn't know how to do. I feel happy and proud. I feel more confident because before building these sculptures I thought it was difficult, but it turns out not to be that difficult.' Pupil

'I could have a job in the Olympics, as an architect, a designer, I could help others to get a job. I have got new aims for myself, goals that I could try to reach.' Pupil

Bridging the Gap also aims to support teachers to use the transformation of Newham as part of their everyday teaching.

'I have learnt more about teaching about the built environment, and regeneration. It's been interesting. I've learnt that it's not hard to plan a lesson and teach on it. You just look at the local area and take it from there. Doing the projects made me think, there are loads of things out there.' Teacher

## Notes to Editors:

Bridging the Gap was devised and is delivered by Fundamental Architectural Inclusion, an Architecture Centre based in the heart of Newham dedicated to giving every citizen locally the opportunity to understand and engage with neighbourhood change.

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