

What's better than recycling? Re-using!

There are those people who think art is rubbish but 24 year old Emma-May Ashley from Forest Fields is setting out to prove that rubbish is in fact art - at an event called 'Re-choose' being held this Sunday 11th October from 12 noon to 4pm at the Forest Fields Community Centre, Forest Fields, Nottingham.

We've all heard of recycling rubbish of course, but 'Re-choose' aims to go one step further by showing the city how the things we recycle (or throw-away) can actually be re-used to create a whole range of fantastic new items very easily - whilst promoting re-using as a way of consuming less in the first place.

The event aims to showcase the work of nine local artists who utilise re-used materials in their work, giving you the chance to see coke cans transformed into flowers, old clothes into toys and plastic carrier bags into trendy basket-style bags - and that's just for starters!

The artists' work will also be on sale so the event will be a great place to pick up some very unusual and highly original early Christmas presents!

The event, which is free to attend, also includes an arts and crafts workshop ran by artist Clare Bull, who'll be showing people how to make beautiful baskets out of their old plastic carrier bags.

Plus, experienced play-workers will be running fun arts and crafts activities for children - showing them how to turn everyday 'rubbish' into toys and other useful objects!

Emma-May explains:

"The event aims to encourage people to take a fresh look at the things they recycle or throw away. Many of us recycle which is great but the event will hopefully inspire people to see the potential of re-using 'rubbish' instead. For example, using old buttons to make homemade greetings cards.

My aim is for 'Re-choose' to send out a positive environmental message in a fun and creative way."

Delicious, locally sourced food will be available at the event, provided by Veggies Catering Campaign, together with musical entertainment.

The event is being supported by Sprout, an environmental project for young people set up by the Partnership Council charity based in Hyson Green.

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Rachel from Sprout says:

"We're very happy to be supporting Emma's event as it's a great way to get people thinking about the creative uses of materials that would otherwise be recycled or thrown away. People have got used to recycling rubbish but these artists look at innovative ways of re-using materials and reducing the amount we consume in the first place, which is better still."

The nine artists exhibiting include:

Anna Roebuck - re-uses everyday 'rubbish' such as plastic bags in her art.

Shamila Chady - transforms discarded objects into art with the aim of inspiring others to realise the potential of the things we regularly throw away.

Jenna Pink - re-uses a range of 'rubbish' including newspapers, magazines and general 'junk' to produce art.

Vanessa Jarvis - turns discarded items into useful objects such as toys and clothes.

Clare Bull - turns 'rubbish' such as old plastic carrier bags into stylish new basket-style bags and stunning book jackets. Clare also runs arts and crafts workshops around Nottingham.

Rose Hart - transforms unwanted items like old clothes and buttons into soft toys, bags and purses for example.

Linda Mort - re-uses 'rubbish' to make beautiful new items including vintage jewelry, greetings cards, bags and soft toys.

Carla Harris-Marsh - transforms discarded coke cans, wire and buttons into ornamental flowers and old vinyl into beautiful bowls.

Sally Cotterill - makes bright, bold, handcrafted textile items including bags, brooches and framed pictures out of 'rubbish'.

Artist Jenna Pink says:

"We are told to buy, to use and then to throw away. We then are told to buy again. Many useful items are bagged up and sent to a landfill without much thought. My work aims to demonstrate the hidden beauty inside that pile of 'junk' left ready for the bin men after your annual clear out."

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Alternatively go along to:

**Forest Fields Community Centre, Sturton Street,
Forest Fields, NG7 6HU from 12 noon until 4pm this Sunday, 11th October.**

**To find out more about the 'Re-choose' event visit:
www.rechoosetoreuse.wordpress.com**

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