

CHANGING LIVES AND COMMUNITIES

OUR WORK IN THE UK IS CHANGING LIVES...

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“Working with Craft Aid International has given me a reason to live. I have learned so many new skills, and now sometimes teach others. My work with CAI makes me feel whole and helps me forget my health problems. Craft Aid International is the only place I feel accepted. People there see past my disabilities and some people forget I have any. We never want class to end and wish that time would stop. Then we wish time would go quickly again so we can attend our next class!”

Natasha Nathan, Participant at the Starbeck Craft Sessions and Volunteer



...AND CHALLENGING ATTITUDES TOWARDS PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES.



In 2015, the participants and volunteers at the Horsforth Craft Sessions made a large mosaic cross for a school in Leeds, using predominantly recycled tiles and crockery. They all really enjoyed making it, and the children at the school were delighted with the result. This was a great opportunity for the children to learn that differently-able people are as gifted and talented as anyone else and often just lack the opportunity to demonstrate this.

This year, we have also been working on a school's pack, which will be offered to schools in the UK in return for them doing some fundraising for Craft Aid.

The pack will include P.S.H.E lessons, which will educate the children about different cultural understandings of disability, encourage them to consider society's biases and prejudices towards people with disabilities, highlight the need to be proactive, and encourage them to join in with our vision to empower differently-able people.

We have already had an invitation to work with Ripley Endowed Primary School and we also have a school in Horsforth who have expressed a keen interest in this. Our aim is that other schools will follow.