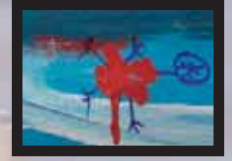


# Macro Art

**'Troubled Youth', 'Police breaking up teenage battles', Excluded Youth'...are phrases we are always hearing about young people.**

Written by those who like to paint...



However you never hear about the good things. Just as often as the negative side of teenage life is exploited to create dramatic headlines by the mindless tabloids, the good, creative and wholesome work of youths is overlooked.

There has been an outburst of artistic creativity within Kingston, with young people showing their skills and talents on every corner.

Take for example, Macro Art, a phenomenon to have sprung up every Saturday morning on the grounds of Kingston Parish Church, opposite John Lewis. Young people from all backgrounds don their old clothes and instead of spending their days shopping, loitering or being a general nuisance, they are working in all weather on 8ft x 8ft boards which focus on themes such as 'painting the town red', 'don't conform to the



patterns of men' and 'fly on the wings of eagles'.

The twist is that once finished the painters (and passers by) become part of the art in one way or another.

This idea behind the chaos is to provide the scene for these people to chat and interact and break down social barriers. It

demonstrates to the older generation that young people are not all about violence, drugs and alcohol, but can be positively integrated with the community. The age old rift between the older and younger generations can only be broken

down by the demonstration of positively controversial activities. Macro Art is the project for people who want to break down the barriers and have a voice.

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