

ACE PARTICIPATION JOURNEY 8

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Creating artwork to make the SEND Strategy look nice and feel like it is our document.

RBG asked us to create artwork which would be used in the SEND Strategy document.

The aim:

- To create artwork that represents each of the 5 ambitions that young people had wanted included in the SEND strategy document.
- To make the SEND strategy document look interesting and nice!
- To help children & young people to feel like they “own” the strategy.
- To celebrate the amazing talents of our Young people!



Who took part?

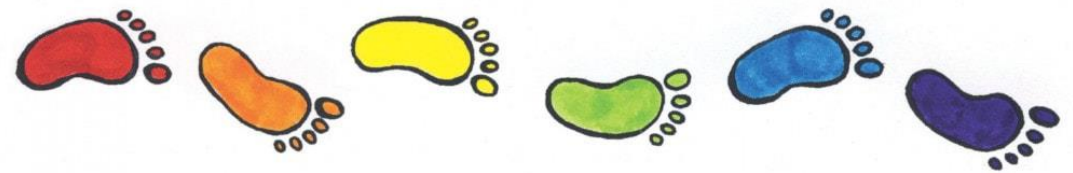
- 46 ACE group members and 8 extra young people created the artwork.
- The children were of primary, secondary and Post 16 ages and attend 7 schools in Royal Borough of Greenwich.
- The schools are a mix of mainstream, Designated Specialist Provision and specialist provision.
- The children & young people have a range of special educational needs and disabilities.



How did we do it?

We created artwork based on the 5 ambitions suggested by children & young people as being important to them:

- We want to be a part of our local community and go to fun activities like everyone else does.
- We want schools and nurseries to support us better and have enough places so we can go to the right school for us.
- We want to be independent and ready for work and/or college when we leave school.
- We want to be as safe and healthy as we can be.
- We want ourselves, our families and friends to understand our needs and be able to support us well.



What happened next?...

- Some of us took our artwork to be displayed at the ACE celebration party.
- We thought the artwork looked “cool and amazing”.
- The artwork was photographed by a professional photographer.
- Some of the artwork was chosen to go into the SEND Strategy document.
- We were given a voucher for each of our school libraries as a thank you for our hard work!

