

Infinite Arts – Creative training opportunities

“TIRAMISU” – Teacher training for Creative Learning

“TIRAMISU” was developed by Infinite Arts for Creative Partnerships London West and provided training for twenty-four teachers from eleven schools in West London. The name ‘Tiramisu’ means ‘lift me up’, and the project set out to provide an opportunity for teachers and teaching assistants to explore **creative learning**. The course stimulated debate about **how we learn** as much as encouraging interest in kites. The project was led by kite artists Pauline Taylor and Frances Anderson from Infinite Arts along with kite makers Robert Trepanier from Canada and Anna Rubin from Austria.

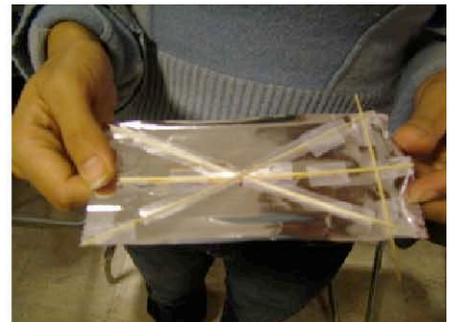
During the first day, participants tried making kites without instruction and then were given some ‘rules’ to incorporate once they’d made a start. During day two, they designed, made, tested and amended their own kite using an ‘uplifting thing’ they had brought as inspiration and by the end of the day everyone had had a chance to fly their unique kite. A final reflective circle explored the benefits of the different ways of learning – over a glass of tiramisu! Many teachers recognised that the way they had learned had been unusual, that there could be different ways of approaching a task and that you need to leave space and time for experimentation. They saw that the course was not just about kitemaking but approaches to learning.

“I re-discovered how much fun it can be to learn about something through a hands-on practical approach.” Teacher

‘I’m quite cynical about the education system, not about teaching – just the system. So this has been a real ‘pick me up’- very inspiring. We get enough of training days which numb your mind.’ Teacher

“When I go back I will try to make my lessons more creative in future.” Teacher

“I’ll give children some explorative and unstructured work to start with.” Teacher



Tiramisu is currently being developed throughout the UK and can be offered as inset or as a residential course for teachers in your area. Similar courses are available for managers. Please contact Pauline Taylor at Infinite Arts for more information.

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