

Walk the Rainbow

We invited our local primary school to Walk the Rainbow in Spring 2013. Over the course of 2 days the entire school community was able to come to church in small groups and be taken around the installation by church volunteers. The school were delighted to take part as Walk the Rainbow fits in well with the SACRE agreed syllabus for North Yorkshire, for instance in it's ability to encourage children to 'consider challenging questions about the possible meanings of life, belief, issues of right and wrong and what it means to be human' and also in offering the children the chance for, 'personal reflection and spiritual and moral development.' I could bore you with more quotes from the syllabus, but suffice to say, Walk the Rainbow ticked a good many educational boxes.

More importantly though, Walk the Rainbow was a powerful, thought provoking, spiritually challenging and ultimately uplifting experience not only for all of the children who came, but for the volunteer leaders from our church. Quite who benefited most would be difficult to say!

If you are looking at this website and wondering, "Should we do this?" the answer is a resounding, "Yes! Don't hesitate, just get planning." Walking the Rainbow has been a joy and a privilege. Go on, you won't regret it.

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Adult comments from Stroud 2010

- Very pleasant surprise to find such an interesting concept. The most 'colourful' and 'thought-provoking' display I have ever seen! A wonderful idea and sensitively carried through.
- Very thought provoking! A very colourful display. Well done
- Inspired me to question the meaning of life. Thank you.
- What a lovely idea in such a place of quietude. As the Romany saying goes: Kushti Bok Good luck.
- Wonderful exhibition/idea and a place of incredible quiet repose.

Comments from Brownies and Girl Guides at their international camp

- Very peaceful and calm. Mysterious, strange, interesting.
- This is a great idea to encompass all the unity and peacefulness of faith in general and of the Creator. Love this idea. From all 1st xxxx Guides.
- Following the Rainbow has been a great experience. It showed me how every colour has a meaning and is not there to be just taken for granted. I will come back if I have time.
- Really liked that - Was very peaceful, makes you think! 71st xxxx Guides
- Rainbow of emotions.
- Calm. Going along the Rainbow made me feel calm in mind and body. THANK YOU.
- Very peaceful and relaxing, wiped all my stress away.
- I thought it was relaxing, inspiring and made me think a lot. Thanks.
- Brava! I have taken on a new lease of life.
- Many thanks to the kind hearted people who designed this truly wonderful trail. It has, and will continue to entertain Guiders, and will be enjoyed by many. Thanks again.
- Thank you - I feel more able to face certain things now.
- A wonderful use of the promise God makes to us all.
- It was awesome! This trail was relaxing and totally magical.
- Wonderfully calming, so well thought out, thank you so much, it was just what we needed.
- Makes you think and is very peaceful.
- Love the bit with the words and the gold. It's a tough question for people to answer truthfully, but it made me realize that love is worth more than gold will ever be.
- I feel like I've come together with my differences and I'm calm now. I feel relaxed. Thanks