

# Seagulls ReUse Ltd.



*"The children enjoyed the workshops very much and being involved in the design process has allowed them to take ownership of the final product."*

Francesca Jenkinson (Groundwork)

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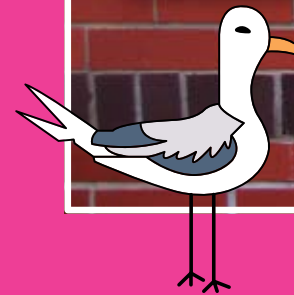
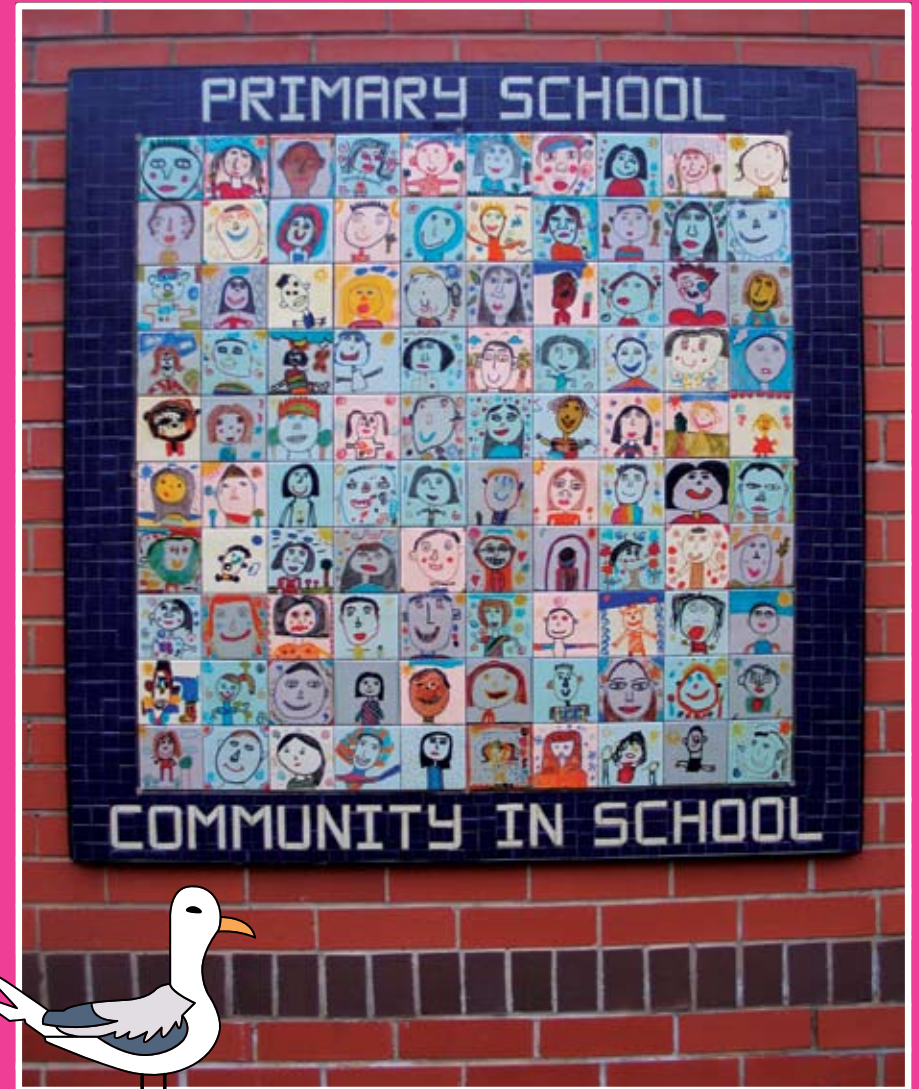
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## About Seagulls

Seagulls is a successful, grass roots Social Enterprise that has been running for over 4 years. We use our primary function: the reuse of unwanted paint, as a vehicle to achieve our social aim of providing volunteering, training and work opportunities for those on the margins of society whilst increasing awareness of recycling and re-use opportunities across Leeds.

Project workers and volunteers utilise waste materials to deliver mosaic workshops, mural projects and site specific public art. These have included stained glass work for a local primary school, a sculpture in Hyde Park for Weston Spirit carried out alongside young people and an African Weave workshop at a women's refuge in celebration of Black History Month. We take commissions from the general public and run in-house mosaic workshops at Seagulls.



## Our Clients

Over the past couple of years we have worked with a wide variety of organisations and projects, for example: workshops with mental health service providers, the Personality Disorder Unit, young people's projects, school children and Groundwork Leeds.

Seagulls' craft activities have proved to be a huge success amongst our volunteers and clients. The workshops are inclusive to all and benefit people by: empowerment through self expression, learning new skills, encouraging people to work as a team, and can be designed to complement the school curriculum and encourage the reuse of materials that would have otherwise gone to landfill.



## Weston Spirit

### Mosaic Sculpture

Seagulls Mosaic Team worked with Weston Spirit, a charity which promotes the personal and social development of socially excluded and disaffected young people.

The young people involved were keen to make a sculpture of an owl as it is representative of Leeds; as the design process went on we found that our owl had become a penguin!

The shape is very reminiscent of an owl so we decided on 'Penguowl' – an owl in penguins clothing, made from recycled breeze blocks and ceramic tiles. Leeds City Council very kindly allowed us to site Penguowl temporarily on Woodhouse Moor.

Everyone involved in the project worked very hard and Penguowl brought a smile to the faces of all who encountered him in the park.



## Kirkstall St Stephen's Primary School Stained Glass Windows

Seagulls were commissioned to design and produce a series of large painted windows in the style of stained glass. The windows were designed to brighten up the classrooms, and included different animals and landscapes. They were made by applying leading to PVC, and painting the areas with bright, vibrant colours to produce the stained glass effect. The windows are visible from the street, brightening up the outward appearance of the school as well as producing a friendly and vibrant atmosphere in the classrooms.



## Kirkstall St Stephen's Primary School

### Mosaic and Mural Plant Beds

Seagulls ran workshops with every class, making individual mosaics that were put together with a mural in the school playground. The mural and mosaics formed planting beds in which the pupils have been growing vegetables as part of a healthy living project.

The design of the mosaic / mural was focused around sports and healthy eating; it also reflected the diversity of the pupils that attend the school and featured landmarks from the local community. The children were very excited to have their work displayed in the school grounds, which helped to create a sense of ownership and pride in the work they had done. The process was great fun, and both the teachers and pupils loved doing mosaic for the first time.



*"The workshop you ran at our school was excellent. All the children thoroughly enjoyed the mosaics and the end result was stunning. I would definitely recommend Seagulls to anyone and all of our experiences with you have been wonderful."*

Ian Blackburn (Headmaster)



## Barnardos Young Carers

### Mosaic Project

This mosaic was designed by young carers who were keen to express some of the issues they face on a day to day basis in their role of caring for parents with physical and learning disabilities. Their drawings and ideas were translated into a mosaic which the children completed with help from Seagulls. The finished mosaic is up on display in the Barnardos office, and is a great illustration of how young carers cope with childhood, playtime, housework, school and their responsibilities for the people that they care for.



*“Coming up with the idea for the mosaic with the other young carers was fun. We worked with the Willow workers and people from Seagulls to put our ideas together. It was so cool bringing our parents down to see the unveiling of our work. I like the idea that when others visit Willow the first thing they see when they go in the door is our work.”*

Aiden (Young Carer)



*“Creating a mosaic with Seagulls was a really positive experience for the young carers and staff at Willow. Seagulls helped the young people to bring their ideas to life by teaching them how to mosaic and supporting them through the whole process. We now have a striking piece of art in our service which the young people are proud of.”*

Jenny Osborne (Young Carers Worker)

## Moorish

### Mosaic Bar and Step

Seagulls were commissioned to mosaic the bar and front step of a local restaurant. The design was inspired by traditional Islamic patterns and landscapes and included the company logo. This project produced a striking centre piece for Moorish and allowed the Mosaic Team to show off their individual and collective talents and engage with a large scale creative project.

The new mosaic features in the restaurant create a unique look, with a distinctive and original design.



## Leeds Federated Housing Association

### Mosaic Workshop

Seagulls set up a crafts tent to work with members of Leeds Federated Housing at the Beeston Summer Fair, making mosaic house numbers as part of an initiative to brighten up the local area and involve members of the local community.

During the course of the day, Seagulls worked with approximately 200 local residents, from a diverse range of backgrounds, helping them to produce mosaic house numbers based on their own designs. All involved had great fun and took pride in the artwork they created. The house numbers are now displayed proudly on the properties in the area and have made a real difference to the feel and look of the local community.



*"I was really happy with the finished mosaics which look fantastic. I was also really happy with the way that the project was delivered to the children and the way that members of staff from Seagulls took on board the children's ideas and opinions."*

Ben Singer (Leeds Fed)



## Oakdale House Women's Hostel

### International Women's Day

In celebration of International Women's Day in 2007 and 2008, Oakdale House invited Seagulls to work with the residents to produce mosaic pieces to be displayed in the hostel. The piece completed in 2007 was an expression of the pride and strength of the women living in the hostel. The next year Seagulls came back, this time to run a workshop in which the residents produced a large mosaic mirror to go above the fireplace. The residents enjoyed the workshops and were keen to learn new skills and participate in creative projects designed to improve the living environment of the hostel.



*"The workshops were delivered very well, the atmosphere was friendly and relaxed. Everyone was encouraged to participate."*

Member of Staff (Oakdale House)

## Oakdale House Women's Hostel

### Black History Month

Seagulls took part in the commemoration of Black History Month at Oakdale House, by running a traditional African weaving workshop. The day involved African music and food, and the women in the hostel made decorative figures woven out of recycled materials which were put together into a wall hanging. The day was a great chance for the residents to get together as a group, sharing their weaving skills in a relaxed and social environment.



## Cross Flatts Park Primary School

### Mosaics Embedded in School Fence

Seagulls were commissioned by Cross Flatts School, Groundwork and Leeds Federated Housing to produce a series of round mosaics to be installed in the new school fence. The project started with a competition in the school in which the pupils produced designs around the themes of Sport, Family, Learning, Community and Nature. The best designs were chosen, and Seagulls worked with the children to produce the final mosaics. It was a great honour for the children to see their ideas transformed into professional artwork that is on permanent display outside the school.



*“The project linked together in terms of pupil voice, community cohesion and sense of pride in school and local environment. Now the families can see a faithful recreation of their ideas brightening up a rather dreary stretch of fencing.”*

**Nicky Mamwell** (Headmistress)

## Cross Flatts Park Primary School

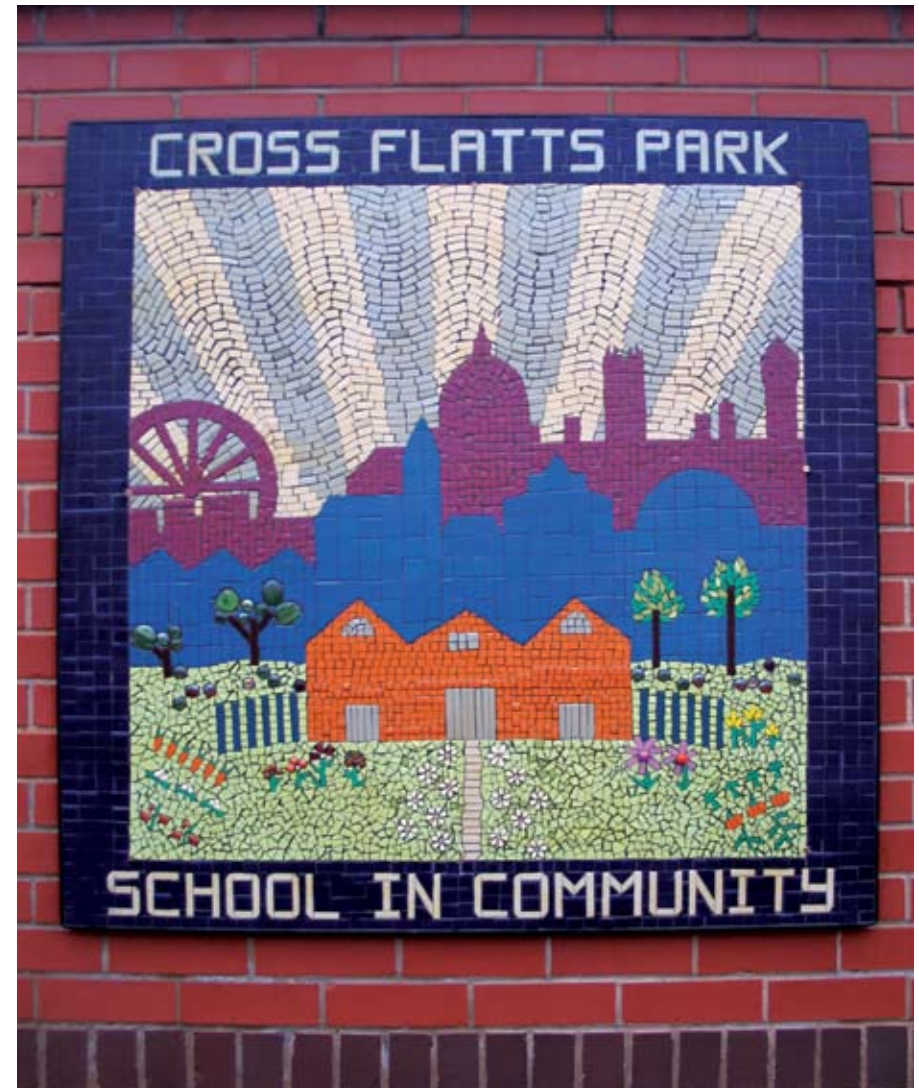
### Mosaic and Drawing on Tiles

The Seagulls Team, commissioned by Cross Flatts School, Groundwork and Leeds Federated Housing, produced two large mosaics to be displayed on the front gates of the school.

The first mosaic shows the school set against the skyline of Beeston, with landmarks from London in the background to represent the schools connection with the capital and the wider community. The second mosaic includes self-portraits, drawn by pupils onto tiles with porcelain pens. The tiles were baked to fix the drawings as a glaze, and attached into the centre of the mosaic, producing a colourful and friendly focal point for the front entrance of the school.



Pupils were very proud to see their work turned into a visually striking and welcoming mosaic that is on display for the local community to enjoy.



## Ebor Gardens Primary School

### Mosaic and Mural

Seagulls Mosaic Team ran workshops with every school class at the Primary School, from reception to year 6, making mosaics that were attached to a mural at the entrance to the school.

The mural represented the many different cultures and languages of the children attending the school and incorporated the school motto 'we all grow together'. Pupils, parents, carers and people from the community showed great enthusiasm for the project, being more than willing to roll up their sleeves and get involved with the process from start to finish.



The final result is a bright, colourful, welcoming mosaic / mural, giving all concerned a sense of community, ownership and pride in their school.



## In-house Projects

### Mosaic & Creative Arts at Seagulls

As well as site-specific projects, Seagulls also runs its Mosaic & Creative Arts workshops in-house. Individuals and groups of up to 15 people can come down to Seagulls and work on creative projects under the guidance of the Seagulls Mosaic Team. Workshops are wide ranging and are tailored to individual needs. They can include anything from a basic introduction to mosaic, to large scale artistic projects involving different media.

If you are interested in doing a project at Seagulls, or work with a group that you think might benefit from creative workshops, contact Seagulls to see what we can do for you.



## Contact Seagulls

If you are interested in booking Seagulls to run workshops or creative projects give us a call on: **0113 246 7510**, or email us at: **info@seagullsreuse.org.uk**, with your details. We provide free consultation and quotations and deliver mosaic and creative arts projects tailored to your requirements.

In the near future we intend to expand the range of arts workshops available at Seagulls, to include screen printing and life drawing. Expansion is reliant upon community interest and we would love to hear from you if these are the kind of activities you would utilise at Seagulls.

Other services on offer at Seagulls include:

### Seagulls Paint Store

We divert over 45 tons (per year) of leftover household and trade paint away from landfill. The paint is remixed and redistributed from our paint store at Aire Place Mills. Paint costs from as little as £1 per litre and we are able to mix up to 60 litres of the same colour. We stock all varieties of paint from household emulsion in silk and matt, masonry paint, gloss, eggshell, timber care and varnish.

### Seagulls ReDecorate

Seagulls has a team of painters and decorators, working to a high standard and finish. No job is too small and our team is reliable, professional and efficient. We are happy to come out and give quotes and advice on work needing to be undertaken.



## How to find us



Seagulls is located in Aire Place Mills, just off Kirkstall Road in Leeds, directly opposite the ITV Yorkshire building. Our full address, postcode and contact details are on the back cover.