## **Press Release**

## <u>Art Classes for Children – Bringing the Community Together</u> on the Grange Farm estate, South Harrow

The Grange Farm "Steering Group", made up of volunteer residents have spent several months planning and fundraising to organise Art Classes for local children aged between 7 and 11 years.

The first classes were held on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> February and were a great success. Mum of two Mrs Khan of Wesley Close said "my children had been very excited about the classes and really loved the activities".



Ken Woods, Chair of the Steering Group said he was "really proud that the classes had been put on as there is a vital need to *bring the community together* – especially now that a third of residents on the estate are housed on a temporary basis. The neighbourhood has changed dramatically over the last 12 months and desperately requires support to maintain a sense of community, whilst the plans for the £120 million regeneration of the estate are taking shape."







The classes are run by Lolita Parekh (bottom right) – a local Harrow based artist, who said "I'm proud to work with the youngsters, many of whom have experienced homelessness or challenging circumstances. It is important to create positive outlets and nurture creative talent."



The next two classes will take place on **Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> February at 13.00 – 15.30** at the Community Hall, 66 Osmond Close. The classes are free, but for a maximum of 16 children at a time.

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