

Session Guide: Rubbish Art

Session Outline

Description

This session aims to raise awareness of the amount of rubbish being produced worldwide and provide ideas of how this can be reduced by transforming some of this rubbish to art. It will present a number of articles, stories and projects that dedicate to transforming waste into art and the reasons why they do it. It starts by presenting an informative article on the topic, followed by a reflection of how this might be relevant to the learners. Afterwards it exposes some success stories that are meant to inspire learners to take action and start planning their own art made from rubbish.

Session Objectives

The objectives of this session are to:

- Raise awareness of the problems related to rubbish.
- Inspire learners to take action and create art from rubbish.
- Develop planning skills.

Expected Outcomes

By the end of the session learners will have:

- Read a number of articles related to art made from rubbish.
- Discussed ways to reuse rubbish within their communities.
- Planned a plastic to art individual project.

Areas involved

- Environment
 - Environmental Conservation
- Creative Arts
 - Craft activities
- Citizenship
 - Social Responsibility
- Language



- Reading
- Home Science
 - Care of the home and compound

Activity: Understanding Art from Rubbish

Objectives

- To be aware of the key issues involving rubbish
- To understand that there are accessible actions that can be taken to reduce the problem

Expected Outcomes

Learners will have read an informative article and discussed it.

Teaching Instructions

Provide the first reading material: <https://www.iberdrola.com/culture/recycled-art>

Allow learners time to read it and lead a discussion on how this relates to the learners' local community. Is there rubbish around? What type of rubbish? What happens to that rubbish? Can any of it be reused in any way?

Activity: Success Stories

Objectives

To raise awareness of a range of success stories of turning rubbish into art.

Expected Outcomes

Learners will have read a number of articles about success stories related to turning rubbish into art.

Teaching Instructions

Provide reading materials to learners and tell them to go through them and think about what the different individuals or organisations do and how they could replicate some of it.

1. [PET-Art: Turning Plastic Waste into Art](#)



2. [‘Bottle caps are more versatile than canvas and oil’: El Anatsui on turning the everyday into art](#)
3. [Toronto woman creates globe out of plastic trash to draw attention to beach waste](#)
4. [13 Artists Who Turned Ocean Trash Into Amazing Art](#)
5. [In Kenya, rubbish reborn as art](#)

Activity: Plan of Action

Objectives

To reflect on what concretely can be done to create art from rubbish.

Expected Outcomes

To write a plan of action for a project to turn rubbish into art.

Teaching Instructions

After the initial discussion and having looked at some success story, learners should reflect on what they can do to turn rubbish into art. They should write a plan on how they could go about it, from what type of rubbish they will use, where they will find it, what other materials they might need and how to get them, and any other considerations, possibly including sketches of what they would like to make. They should then present their ideas to the rest of the group and provide each other constructive feedback and ideas on how the plans could be improved.

