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Editor's Note

This edition of Viewpoint highlights some of the fun our students get up to outside of school time. We have launched art sessions at the library with help from our friends at Dulwich college in the UK and earlier in the year our teens enjoyed Super Hero Camp with volunteers from Colour My World. Ed.

A Library Full of Little Artists

by Moses Obiti

I was a little nervous as I opened our front doors that afternoon. It was our first time to run art sessions at the library and we had no idea how many kids would turn up, if any at all.

As we set up the tables, I noticed peeping eyes at the front door. Before long, the hall was filled with the curious minds of these young friends. Our attention soon turned to crowd control as we were surprised by the number of kids asking for colored pencils and craft papers. The kids had a great time drawing, coloring, cutting and sticking.

This session was facilitated by visitors from Dulwich College in London who have been supporting creative arts programmes at Turning Point since 2016. They helped the children work together to make some posters for the library walls declaring 'We are awesome!' and 'Kid, you'll move mountains'. Nearly 40 kids joined the session that day.

Since then, many of them have been returning to the library to do more art and explore the library further.

The teachers from Dulwich College also took time with our library team to share ideas about running the library, how to get more children interested in the library and engaged in the activities we run.

With this training and guidance from the Dulwich team, we've been able to run another three art sessions over the August holidays and the turnout was impressive. We will continue to engage this community of learners in more forms of art.

We are so grateful to the team from Dulwich who shared their time, experience and resources with us. I am excited that we can now provide the space and opportunity for these kids to be creative and have a great time doing art.



Super-Service Heroes

Earlier this year, our Colour My World partners joined with our teaching staff to run a week-long Super Heroes Club.

At the start of the week, children shouted out whom they considered super heroes. They mentioned cartoon characters, Kenya's founding fathers, their parents and leaders they considered as powerful influencers. From this starting point, the volunteers journeyed with the children to show them that they have the power to make a difference in their community and become super-service heroes themselves.

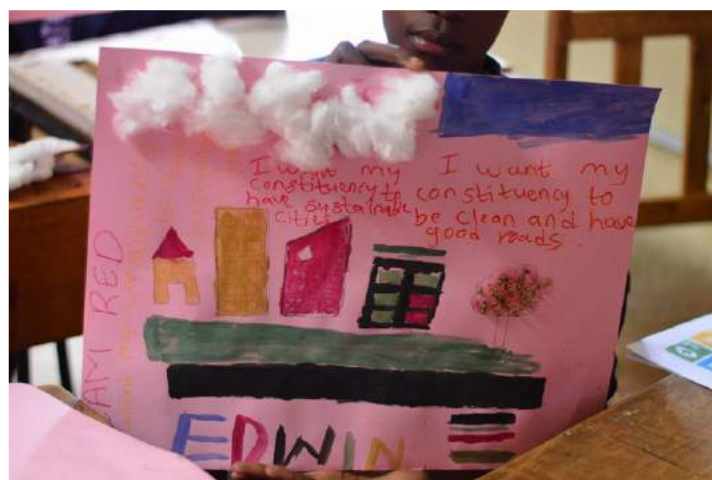
The children explored some of the Sustainable Development Goals and linked them to issues they observed in their own community.

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The challenge they were given throughout the clubs involved finding solutions that would work for their community and visualizing those solutions through art or drama. This was so exciting for the students as they began to realize their ability to become service heroes in their community. It was also a joy for the volunteers and teachers who glimpsed how brilliant, creative and capable the children are when given a voice and an opportunity.

Each student received a service hero band on the last day as a reminder of what they had achieved that week. It is our prayer that we will continue inspiring our students to realize the power they hold, the power to change their community and the world they live in.

Right: Student Edwin imagines what his home could like if it were clean and had proper roads.



Christmas Gifts 2018

Our Christmas Gifts campaign is a great way to bless your families and friends while also making a very real impact in our work in Kibera. Mary pictured here is about to tuck in to a lovely lunch which we provide to her and another 170 children in our projects every day. You could buy Mary's lunch for a month as a gift for a loved one this Christmas. What a great way to celebrate the birth of our Saviour who became poor for the sake of us. Or you could help provide art materials so that the art clubs Moses wrote about overleaf can continue. There are loads of gifts to choose from in our catalogue.

This year we want to ask you to help us spread the word about our Christmas Gifts campaign. We have put a poster and flyer up on our website which you can download and share. Could you display this at your child's school or distribute it around their scouts or guides or sports clubs? Could you display it on a church notice board or share it at a coffee morning? Could you email it round a few friends who might be interested in a different way to give this Christmas?

Turning Point Christmas Gifts are available online from www.tptrust.org/christmasgifts

The Turning Point Trust is a Christian charity that exists to serve vulnerable children and families living in Kibera (a slum area in Nairobi, Kenya) by creating opportunities for them to develop to their full God-given potential. If you would like more information about our work, or you are interested in supporting us, please use the contact details overleaf.