

Quiet on Set!

Perhaps not a very appropriate title for this item about the Kidz R Loud Holiday Club at Horizon Community College. During the February half-term 2014, several of our volunteers attended the club to provide activities. We took our vast store of theatrical costumes, amassed when we were filming the stories of some of our artists last year <http://barnsleyartonyourdoorstep.org.uk/our-film/> . No wardrobe remained closed. No cupboards or drawers were out of bounds. Now we used this treasure trove to encourage the children to tell the stories of our artists and their struggles in the Barnsley of the industrial revolution. Some children threw themselves into it from the start, others were shy and needed some encouragement. Soon there were several groups conducting interviews, writing scripts, choosing costumes and props and rehearsing. They entered into the spirit of the project, thinking how children would have felt working in the glass, linen and coal mining industries when really they wanted to be artists.

Eventually we were ready to film these scripts and each group went down to the Horizon Theatre in turn. They were all keen to see themselves on film and threw themselves into it wholeheartedly. So at the end of the 3 days we had several short films for our competition covering life in all 3 industries. <http://barnsleyartonyourdoorstep.org.uk/film-competition/> We're very grateful to the Horizon staff who helped us with the technicalities of some of the equipment. They make very entertaining viewing.