

Food: A Photography Exhibition

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From the 12th to the 26th November Ice Bytes Internet Cafe and Ice Cream Parlour is hosting a photography exhibition by young people from Ledbury.



Barbie and Beans

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The photography project that led to exhibition was initially realised by Ledbury Youth Service working with the Hereford Photography Festival. Together they came up with the idea of Food and Bodies as a subject the youngsters could get their teeth into.

Rick helped the children with photographic techniques and composition and Pippa Hart of the Youth Centre helped with props and materials, but the children largely controlled the rest of the process.

They were given a budget and decided to work with professional photographer Rick Goldsmith of Catcher Media. Rick and the six John Masefield High School children, Ashley Roberts, Claudia Locke, Emily Locke, Alicia Edmonson-Cook, Ellen Webb and Izzy Hunt worked together for one evening a week during August at the Youth Centre.



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Food Fight

Three photographs were chosen to exhibit for the Hereford Photography Festival at The Courtyard in Hereford, but the children and organisers, Pippa Hart of the Youth Centre and Ben Peer, Community Arts Development Officer, and Jeanette McCulloch, Community Arts Co-ordinator, were keen for more photographs to be displayed more widely. Ben approached Ice Bytes, who readily agreed to support the project and exhibit the photographs this November.



After the exhibition finishes at Ice Bytes the photographs will be moved to the atrium at the John Masefield High School. Pippa Hart and Jeanette McCulloch said they were both thrilled and delighted with the project and hoped it would encourage more use of photography in art at the school and raise the profile of art in the community.

‘This project has allowed for local young people to explore their ideas about food and how people are represented in the media in a fun, creative way,’ says Pippa Hart, Community Youth Worker for Herefordshire Council Community Youth Service. ‘The images they have produced are very striking and energetic and tell their own stories.’

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Barbie dolls in a can of baked beans. The dolls are standing in the beans, and one is sitting on the edge of the can.