

Designs on Christmas



Visitors to the Woking STEPS Learning Centre Open Day in November were asked to help choose the official Christmas card for the Surrey Care Trust.

We run the learning centre to provide an alternative education for 14 to 16 year-olds who have struggled to fit into mainstream school for all kinds of reasons.

The young people – and it is rumoured at least one staff member – had come up with various festive designs.

The winner of the popular vote was Emily Anderson, 14, with her cuddly Father Christmas and snowman, so hers will be the image that goes out with seasonal greeting to all supporters of the Surrey Care Trust.

In extreme contrast was 15-year-old Alex Garman's design featuring a line-up of festively-dressed young ladies.

His graffiti style may not be everyone's idea of a traditional Christmas card but this young man has evident talent and his goal is to study art at college when he finishes on the STEPS programme.



The annual open day is an opportunity for young people to demonstrate their progress and achievements.

"We were delighted to see so many parents, as well as friends and supporters of the Surrey Care Trust at the open day," said Magda Pascoe from the learning centre team.

"One of the very noticeable things about the young people who come here is that they are used to being on the receiving end of negative criticism, so it does a lot for their self-confidence to be the centre of attention in a positive way."

XX I believe in Angels
those helpers who are near
exactly when they're needed most
then seem to disappear
Merry Christmas my friend! XX



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Natasha has the winning touch

Natasha Stephen, from our STEPS Under 16s programme at Woking Learning Centre, will be working with a professional designer to finesse her winning entry in a competition to design a logo for the new Woking Youth Action Partnership. She was presented with her prize of an iPod Shuffle by Woking Youth Development Officer David Blake. Elements of designs by two other STEPS students, Reece Heath and Jessica Matthews, will also be incorporated into the final artwork.