



Robbie's Garden

→ Last Summer was a sad time for all at the Thomas Tallis School, London with the tragic news that Robbie Robinson, a former xl club member and student at the school had died.

The Robbie Robinson Memorial Garden, a fitting tribute to Robbie, was officially opened by Robbie's family on the 3rd May. The garden was conceived by the students of the current Year 11 xl club at the school in south east London as part

of their community-based project. The project involved locating a suitable site, designing the garden layout and the planting, applying for funding and finally getting approval to build on that site. The project was partly funded by The Big Boost Lottery via The Prince's Trust, and also the school itself.

The garden was designed by the xl club members in collaboration with professional gardener Catherine Clancy, and was built with the

help of volunteers from the Kidbrooke Park Allotment Association, as well as former xl club members, school staff and their families.

During the week-long construction of the garden, the students filmed a short video, which they proudly presented to the entire school during assembly.

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Please note xl club members' names have been changed throughout this newsletter to protect the identity of the young people participating in the xl programme.

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Network news...

Cadbury help to make xl an even sweeter experience

The very successful relationship with Cadbury Schweppes, one of the very first private sector funders to recognise the potential of the xl programme, started in 2003 as part of the Cadbury Schweppes commitment to education and enterprise. Their generous donation of nearly £300,000 over 3 years, helped to develop materials used in the Entrepreneurship and Enterprise module of the programme, as well as to fund the most recent xl external evaluation.

With factories and offices in the West Midlands and London, support for the programme has been most felt in these two areas, although links have also been made in Maple Cross and Sheffield. And not only has the link with Cadbury allowed young people to get an insight into the various areas of the food and drinks manufacturing industry, but it has also allowed Cadbury Schweppes employees to learn a little more about what goes on in schools these days and, most importantly, about the way in which xl helps to re-engage young people. The Prince's Trust looks forward to continuing to build upon this relationship in years to come.

We want to feature more initiatives, events and stories around the network for the summer issue.

Please send any contributions and photos to Julie Murray at The Prince's Trust Head Office address below.

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