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A Sure Start Children's Centre

Pic cap: Shapla Group member Dilruba Akhter with her textile creations displayed at Sure Start Longsight.

LONGSIGHT MUMS GET CREATIVE

Textile creations produced by a group of Longsight mothers have been exhibited at the Sure Start Centre where they meet weekly for support and arts classes.

The Shapla Arts Group is for unemployed local women, who want to explore their creativity through various forms of art. The exhibition was put together as the end celebration of an eight week project called "Creative Vision" which was run by the Creative Hands Foundation – a Hulme based voluntary arts organisation.

The team of artists worked with the Shapla group in a series of workshops, where different techniques including bag making, tie-dye and batik, block printing, designing and stitching unconventional and recycled materials and fabrics were explored.

Saki Chowdhury from Sure Start Longsight, who runs the Shapla Group said: "All the artwork produced was designed to reflect the cultural heritage of the women of the group, and everyone has really shown their creative potential and talents. The exhibition was fantastic and a great way of celebrating the work of the group."

The artwork was displayed on Monday 21 June at the Sure Start Centre on Farrer Road, Longsight.

Sure Start Longsight is managed by Aisha Childcare, a local childcare provider which is a part of the Big Life group of social businesses and charities.

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