

Slum Art Project

Mission:

The 'Slum Art Project' is an art project for young people in Jamestown, a district located at the edge of Accra, the capital of Ghana. The Slum Art Project would like to open up conversations with the youngsters about these issues and to give them a safe space and the tools they need to express their feelings through artwork. The youth here faces many difficulties, such as poverty, teenage pregnancy, environmental pollution and problems in communication. Our aim is to start a youth movement supported by a foundation of national and international cooperation. We want to encourage more children to express themselves freely through art and to give them the possibility of sharing their stories with the world.

The project will run for six months and encompasses three different phases:

1. Construction of the art space
2. Recruiting and training peer educators
3. Participating in and holding Community Art Events

There will be 1h30 hour-long workshops taking place three times a week where the children will be taught different forms of art. We want to reach about 150 children (aged 10 to 16) per month. We will set up four different stations, so the children can experiment with different techniques to find their personal favourites.

- Graphic Design (instructed by Samuel Quason and Opoku)
- Realistic Art (instructed by Tsatsu and Laura)
- Handcrafts (instructed by Jumai and Lussandra)
- Painting (instructed by Samuel Boateng and Emanuel)

The project is part of the Organisation DUNK - Grassroots in Jamestown, Ghana. We have started creating a room for the project on the DUNK Premesis. Here the workshops and events will take place and the children will have the opportunity to work on their art whenever they want.

Here you can see the development of the room up until now:



Before we started



The first steps



Right Now

Thanks to the support of the 'Lincoln Community School' we were able to start preparing the room.