

ART AND SOUL OF THE PARTY

A FREE art club for kids celebrated its first birthday.

Cool it Art encourages young children to make use of household junk by "upcycling".

Amanda Callis set up the club as a social enterprise last year and, despite no one attending the weekly after-school club to begin with, it now has more than 50 children on its books.

Ms Callis told the *South London Press*: "Everything we make here uses household junk - it is good to show that art doesn't have to be expensive and things can be reused."

"Some of the local schools don't do art so because funding is being cut so we are trying to take the strain and help out."

"The birthday party was a really

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good opportunity to thank everyone who has helped make Cool it Art a success."

The club has been funded by Well London - a network that distributes Lottery money - Amicus Horizon Housing Association, and social homes provider Lambeth Living.

The City and Guild of London Art School also supplies interns who help staff the weekly classes.

Cool it Art is run from Vauxhall Gardens Community Centre, in Glasshouse Walk, Vauxhall; every Tuesday between 4pm and 5pm. Children aged three to 12 years are welcome. Entry is free.

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COOL KIDS: Vauxhall's Cool it Art club celebrates its first birthday. Club organiser Amanda Callis, back row, left

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BELOW: Malakai Bayo, left, and Antonio Harb, both five

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CLOCKWISE FROM BELOW: Kalab Alegaz and Divine Nneji, both seven, and Tilly Mcauley, aged eight; Benjamin Nneji, nine; eight-year-old Marianne Said, left, and Toutou Kamara, aged five



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