

## Kendal Impact Mosaic Project

Impact Housing Association's Supported Accommodation Scheme in Kendal provides housing for single, homeless young people aged between 16 and 24 years. The young people have their own residents group that provides them with the opportunity to engage in a variety of positive activities by applying for funding. In 2008 the young people funded to run a Calendar



Project through Francis C Scott. To begin this process they sampled a variety of media and art techniques such as; pop art, canvases, stained glass and mosaics. The young people found the mosaics to be most enjoyable and therapeutic so the original calendar project evolved into a mosaics project. Through their learning, development of skills and increased confidence the young people expressed an interest to deliver a project that would benefit the community by decorating the Romney Bridge Subway with mosaics.



Therefore, we consulted a selection of agencies to find out if this was an appropriate option and managed to secure funding from Awards for All and Cumbria Community Foundation Grassroots Grant. The young people also enjoyed a trip to the Liverpool Tate Colour Exhibition in September 2009 for inspiration for the project and to broaden their understanding.

With the support of SLDC the sight at Romney Bridge will be ready for Mosaics to be displayed from the end of March/beginning of April. Mosaic workshops are currently being held in the Westmorland Shopping Centre if you would like more information please call Su or Laura on 01539 735093.