

Group's artwork is 'building bridges'

AN exhibition of artwork which focuses on breaking down age stereotypes is on show at a Stafford church.

The portraits, collages and images are the work of Silkmore residents as part of a bridge-building project in their area.

Organisers hope the initiative will bring the teenagers and older people of the area together.

April Lewis, from Staffordshire Youth Service, said: "The project began in February of this year by bringing young and older members of Silkmore together to find out more about each other and to build a strong community spirit.

"Through photography workshops, creating artwork

and dramatic performances, members of the group were given the opportunity to express their current perceptions of each other and to overcome any negative views they had.

"This exhibition visually shows the journey that these people took to understanding each other and will hopefully make people think about how they view others and how perceptions can change to help people to work together.

"The display is extremely interesting and well worth a look."

The artwork will be on display until the end of April at St Peter's Church in Silkmore Lane.

For more information and exhibition opening times call the Holmcroft Youth Centre on 01785 355621.



With some of the artwork are (from the left) April Lewis, Gwen Lunn (centre) and Maxine Scotter