

# Platanos College News

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## Platanos College and the Royal College of Art project

'Our Stockwell' is a community-led project run by the Helen Hamlyn Centre for Design at the Royal College of Art and supported by Hyde Foundation and the Battersea Power Station Foundation.

Over the past 9 months we have been working together with local people of all ages and backgrounds to generate ideas together for ways to improve the health and wellbeing of young people and families in Stockwell.



As part of this work, we were kindly invited to run a workshop with GCSE Art and Design students at Platanos College back in November. The workshop started with a group discussion around the challenges and opportunities of being more active and healthy in Stockwell. Following the discussions, pupils worked in pairs or small groups to develop innovative proposals on improving the area for young people based on their own experiences.

The ideas generated by Platanos College pupils in the workshop were fantastic: an app that reassures parents to give young people greater freedom; a youth centre based in Stockwell's central roundabout; and a competitive scavenger hunt that gives young people a chance to discover more about the goings on in the area just to name a few.

These ideas were selected by 'Our Stockwell' together with other proposals generated through a number of community co-design workshops to be taken forward to the next stage of design development. From a long list of 15 proposals, 3 ideas were selected for further development, including the brilliant Stockwell Scavenger Hunt that Platanos pupils thought of.

Last week the 'Our Stockwell' designers returned to Platanos to present the final three proposals in more detail back to the pupils for feedback. We will continue to develop the ideas based on the insightful comments and discussion with the pupils and hopefully be back at Platanos soon!

