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THE GERARD LE CLAIRE ENVIRONMENTAL TRUST has today announced the launch of "Funky Junk", a Channel Islands Environmental Project supported in association with Deutsche Bank Offshore.

The project, which will run throughout the summer term in Jersey, Alderney, Sark and Herm in 18 primary schools and in Guernsey during the Autumn term in 10 primary schools, will reach nearly 1500 Key Stage 2 pupils.

The idea for Funky Junk project came from Clare Paisley, the project manager. Clare is a BA Honours graduate of Ecological Design from Goldsmiths College, University of London.

The plan is for each of the pupils to produce a 3-dimensional sculpture from waste materials and objects utilising craft skills for building and joining whilst trying to minimise the use of glues, tape and staples.

The sculptures will be formed as a result of classroom brainstorming sessions on environmental issues affecting Jersey, Guernsey, Alderney, Sark and Herm stemming from the 2001 United Nations Sustainable Development meeting and from the Earth Summit, Rio de Janeiro, 1992. The issues include traffic, air travel, population, waste, rivers and seas, energy, buildings, pollution, countryside, farming and industry, all of which fit in with the National Curriculum topics.

A website, awonderfulworld.org.uk, has been developed to help the children develop their ideas and designs prior to Clare going to the schools. The site will also feature a catalogue of all the works produced by the pupils. As well as a notice board where pupils from across the Channel Islands can pose questions to each other and Clare regarding the project and environmental issues. The website also has many links to other environmental sites and initiatives.



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Comment Clare Paisley, Project Manager, Funky Junk: “It is a privilege to have the opportunity to raise awareness of environmental and sustainability issues amongst Channel Islands pupils and to work with the Gerard Le Claire Environmental Trust and Deutsche Bank Offshore who have facilitated this project.”

Comment Sarah Le Claire, Gerard Le Claire Environmental Trust: “The Trust is very happy to support this exciting and innovative project which meets many of its key aims. We believe this fun approach to raising awareness of local and global environmental issues will make a lasting impression on the pupils, and hopefully cause them to think about the amount of waste produced at home and school and the impact this has on our environment. We are very grateful for the ongoing support as the Trust finds its feet, which enables us to become involved in such worthwhile initiatives.”

Comment John Boothman, Managing Director, Deutsche Bank International Limited: “Deutsche Bank is fully committed to the promotion of environmental initiatives, and we are delighted to be able to support this wonderful project. We have all been bowled over by Clare's knowledge and enthusiasm, and I am sure the schoolchildren in both Islands will enjoy making the sculptures, as well as learning some useful lessons about the environment. I have no doubt that capturing the interest of young people is the key to safeguarding our environment in the long term and "Funky Junk" is a big step in the right direction.”

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Notes to Editors:

- During the year 2000, Clare Paisley, project manager, managed the design and making of a sustainable playground at St. Mary's School, Jersey, where the emphasis was on recycling and reuse.
- The Gerard Le Claire Environmental Trust was launched in October 2001, following the untimely death of the Island's Environmental Director in January 2001. The aim of the Trust is to enable people to advance a range of policies and practices that sustain the environmental riches of the Island of Jersey and our planet for the benefit of this and future generations.



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- Anyone wishing to donate to the Trust can write to PO Box 660, Jersey JE4 5ZP.
- 2002 is the 30th anniversary of the 1972 United Nations Conference on the Human Environment.
- 2002 is also the 30th anniversary of Deutsche Bank Offshore in the Channel Islands.
- The project coincides with the next Earth Summit focusing on Sustainable Development which takes place in Johannesburg in August 2002.

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