

# Young Shipwrights –



- Pulls together schools and business so that young people can meet a shipwright, and build functioning sail boats from corrugated board.
- A day activity for schools that ties together local maritime history with a half day workshop building a boat.
- Celebrated through a mass sailing spectacle that attracts parents and a wider audience.



Provided by My Future My Choice [www.myfuturemychoice.co.uk](http://www.myfuturemychoice.co.uk) –Confidence Boosting for young people.

MFMC works with central venue or local agency to mobilise schools and businesses to fund the activity. Businesses say that Young Shipwrights provides an effective volunteering programme for their employees to illustrate to children the wide range of opportunities in life.

The MFMC Shipyard will be producing a procession of boats on line and in the water for the Queens Diamond Jubilee and the Olympics in 2012

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The educational goals for the programme are -

- Raising aspirations – *"I can construct and create, I am not just the audience"*
- Meeting people with different jobs – *"I never knew what went on in those buildings"*
- Knowledge and pride in local skills and history – *"its fun learning in my City"*

The community approach to funding has focussed on schools in regions where access to opportunity has traditionally been poor. Feedback from schools has been 100% positive about the value and the quality of a day out that is tailored to the local history and community.

*"I have been on many school trips and activities and I can honestly say this is the best workshop I have been on....Carefully planned activities provided powerful learning opportunities for the children who showed amazing levels of engagement.... Sometimes its hard to get children to look forward and have high aspirations but the 'My Future My Choice Staff' are inspirational Adults and children all went away with good feelings and new visions."*

**Stuart Parslow, Year 3 Teachers, Avon Primary School**

*"If the children are buzzing half as much as my colleagues that is great" -*

**Dafydd Bowen, Actuary, AonHewitt**

*"We all really enjoyed building boats and being quizzed by the children and the photos are great for Marine News Magazine" -*

**Marcus Fischer, Design Engineer, Rolls-Royce**

For more information on how the event could engage schools in your region or work please contact Hugh Thomas – [hugh@myfuturemychoice.co.uk](mailto:hugh@myfuturemychoice.co.uk)



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