My Tree My Community



Each year our site hosts some unusual Christmas decorations, giant chicken pies with barbie doll legs, recycled vintage books, and shakeable snow globe baubles...

They are designed by cornish children who work with older residents in the neighbourhood for inspiration.

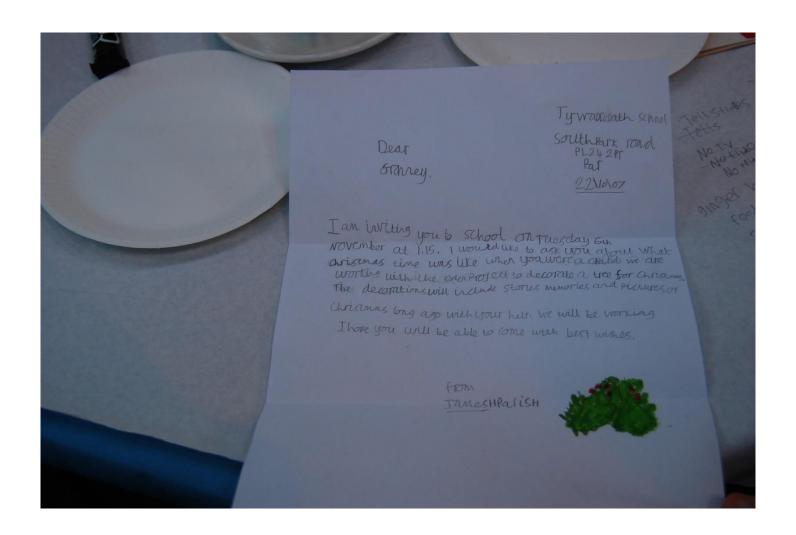
The project

- Running since 2007, 400 participants a year
- Young people along with an artist invite elders into their school for a teas party to share stories of Christmas past and present
- Young people and an artist then use the stories they have uncovered as inspiration for the Christmas trees at Eden.
- Each tree tells a unique story of community, a lifetime of memories and knowledge to be passed on for future generations

The process

- Artists and Eden staff run two days of workshops in local schools with one class of children (approx 30)
- Day 1: works with children to receive their tea party guests, practising interesting questions to ask – how to interview, being a good host, ways to record information. In the afternoon they hold the tea party and discuss what they have found out.
- Day 2: They make the decorations

An invitation











Objects and Memories



























Thanks and celebrations

- Everyone is invited to Eden for the lighting of the trees
- A chance to reconnect and see how their conversations have been valued and translated.

Artists and Trees





The Street

