

Presenting Harrow Way at UNICEF House

On Wednesday 6th of March Mrs Delany, myself and a school friend, Cheryl Bartholomew went on a trip to Unicef House in London to present Harrow Way as Level 2 Rights Respecting School.

Getting to Unicef was eventful as when we arrived at Waterloo Station, we got a bit lost trying to find the right bus! After a cramped bus ride to Unicef House during rush hour we had a quick picture by the Unicef logo before we headed into the meeting room. Once inside, we joined in with fun activities to introduce ourselves and our schools. We then sat through a presentation about Unicef Rights Respecting and Convention on the Rights of the Child. It was interesting to hear about what else Unicef does, how the convention came about and also to hear the facts about what else really goes on in the world.

At about half one, it was time for us to do our presentation on Harrow Way. Cheryl and I were both really nervous but the people there made us feel very welcome and by the end of it we were a lot more relaxed. We gave everyone a run through of everything we do at Harrow Way ranging from the whole school days right down to things like displays and the school Mural. We then answered questions from teachers and Unicef staff about certain things like the Fair Trade fashion show, which we also spoke about, and how we as students organised and participated in the show.

A photographer took pictures of all four schools who were presenting as well as pictures during the presentations themselves. The other three schools did presentations on varying subjects about their schools and there were some pretty good ideas from them, including things like building links with other local schools and schools throughout the globe. Finally we were told about campaigning and a campaign we could join in with as a school called the IF campaign which is tackling the problem of hunger. Me, Cheryl and Mrs Delany all agreed it sounds like a good campaign and believe we could do something for it at school.

Overall, it was a really good day. It was a fun experience and we came away with a more ideas for Harrow Way and what we can do to progress our rights respecting school further. I really hope they do another day like it, as it was really fun to do a presentation and I feel it is a good thing for both the school and students to go to.

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