S1 SHARED RESPONSIBILITY PROJECT

For the last 4 years James Hamilton Academy has been involved in the Shared Responsibility Project which is a Colombian Government initiative supported by international partners. Its purpose is to make individuals think about the impact of drug misuse, demand and production with particular reference to cocaine.

During the week long project pupils researched and learned about the devastation caused by the illegal cocaine trade. Different aspects of this were explored in each class including the impact both on families and children's lives and on the environment as vast areas of rainforest are destroyed to grow the cacao (cocaine) plant. As a result, species of animals and birds are becoming extinct.

At the end of the week pupil's work was displayed in the Assembly Hall where it was judged by Liam Wells, Alcohol and Drugs Project Coordinator, Natalie White, Outdoor Education/Health & Wellbeing Coordinator with Education Scotland and PC Rae, Campus Police Officer, St Joseph's Academy/Stewarton Academy.

The judges commended the pupils' knowledge of these important issues and confirmed the work pupils produced in their English class to be best work of the week.

The school's work on raising awareness of this important matter has been commended by Education Scotland and pupils' work from last year's project was exhibited at the recent Scotlish Learning Festival in Glasgow.

EXAMPLES OF PUPILS' WORK



JUDGING UNDERWAY



