

TEACHERS' PACK

"The foundry on Clarence Road Leeds started production in the 1930s; its closure was announced in September 2003. From April until November 2004 Heads Together Productions facilitated the project 'Meltdown'. Foundry staff were encouraged to record and express their thoughts and memories of working in a large foundry facing closure."



The project resulted in a dynamically filmed DVD, beautifully illustrated book and a supportive website, this resource helps facilitate the use of these unique materials.

The pack provides suggested activities for Literacy, Science, History, Geography, ICT, Art, Citizenship, Music and Dance, for KS2; linked to the QCA documents. Material and activities can be adapted for KS1 and KS3.

MELTDOWN could easily be used as a stand alone resource to support individual areas of the curriculum above, however the materials are also suitable to be used in a cross curricular manner and could therefore be easily integrated into existing medium term planning to enhance learning.

MELTDOWN RESOURCES

FREE COPIES of the **MELTDOWN** book (containing photos and first hand accounts from the people who worked there and which document the history of the foundry) are available from Artemis/ Education Leeds. The DVD 'Cast Well and True ' costs £5 from Heads Together Productions.

WEBSITE www.fettling.com provides **free** access to downloadable resources from the **MELTDOWN** book for you to reproduce to use with your pupils, such as, newspaper articles, photos and poems describing workers experiences.

ORIGINAL OBJECTS are available for loan from ARTEMIS. This includes: protective clothing, such as gloves and goggles; large photos; signage; shadow boards and tools. These help bring the materials alive as children handle and explore them in their own classroom. **ARTEMIS: 0113 244 0497**



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How is MELTDOWN relevant to teaching the Citizenship curriculum?

The effect of the foundry closing and the loss of the industrial heritage and jobs to this area of Leeds can not be underestimated. With a little bit of background gained from the written sources available in **"MELTDOWN"** and on the website, the pupils could prepare role play and debates around the issues of redundancy and "Moving On".



QCA Unit

PEOPLE WHO HELP US

Unit 4

The people who worked at the foundry helped us by making things. Another link between school and the wider community. The world of work as depicted through the DVD could offer an excellent opportunity for thinking about the everyday things around us and who makes them.

LIVING IN A DIVERSE WORLD

Unit 5

The first hand accounts given by the people who have worked at the foundry, represent the diverse cross-section of the Leeds community, and how they live and work together.

LOCAL DEMOCRACY FOR YOUNG CITIZENS

Unit 10

Prepare a debate or role play showing the workers of the foundry arguing to keep the foundry open, e.g. debate the advantages and disadvantages of importing materials and goods that could be manufactured locally.

IN THE MEDIA - WHAT'S THE NEWS?

Unit 11

Use the newspaper articles that can be accessed on the website, which reported the closure of the plant.