**Project Summary:**

We will be doing a Windermere Community Quilt in order to not only engage students and staff at Windermere Secondary School but to also hopefully donate our finished blanket to a local homeless shelter (Lookout Housing and Health Society, 2088 Yukon St, Vancouver). This is a community engagement workshop dedicated to bringing students together who have an interest in knitting or want to learn how to knit while spreading awareness about the local homelessness crisis. In May of last year, during the annual homeless count in Vancouver, the Municipal Government revealed that 2,181 people were living without a home. Hopefully through this project we will be able to spread awareness about this issue whilst using sustainable materials to create a blanket. We will hold three lunchtime meetings in which we will demonstrate the basics of knitting and allow participants to use their knitting skills to eventually create a community quilt. During the three programs, each participant will knit at least one square for this quilt. On the last day, all the squares are to be woven together. The quilt is meant to represent our community and the diversity within and will be displayed at the front of the school for about a week. We will be using sustainable materials to create the quilt, and will eventually donate it to Lookout Housing & Health Society in Vancouver, along with a card signed by the participants. In order to get the students engaged we will have one or two announcements played over the next few school days, and we will hang posters around the school, talk to various socials teachers and students to hopefully bring enough people to create a wonderful blanket with the Windermere community.

**Goals**

* Teach participants basic knitting skills
* Bring the Windermere community together
* Create a quilt that represents the diversity of the school
* Donate the finished quilt to Lookout Housing & Health Society in Vancouver along with a card

**How will you measure success in this project?**

We will measure our success in this project by first getting students to participate in the activity, second by our ability to create a quilt with the Windermere community, and finally, by donating the quilt to the homeless shelter.

**How many people do you think will be impacted by this project?**

We hope to impact Windermere students by giving an opportunity to learn some new skills and make some new friends. We hope that our quilt will spread awareness about the homelessness crisis and that it will directly impact our local homeless community by inspiring others to become active in aiding those in need..

**Project Work Plan**

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| Activity |  |
|  | We will begin by announcing the dates of the project as well as putting up posters around the school. We will talk to our peers and teachers at Windermere Secondary to inform them of our project. |
|  | This will be our first lunch time meeting. We hope to have a turnout of at least 10 - 15 people. We will be teaching basic knitting skills as well as talking about the homelessness crisis. We will be providing the needles and yarn for the knitting project, as well as a snack consisting of a granola bar (nut free) and a juice box.  |
|  | This will be our second lunch time meeting and we hope the participants will be able to knit a few more squares so that during our next meet up we will be able to assemble the quilt. We will provide another snack of the same nature (a granola bar and a juice box). |
|  | We hope to assemble the quilt and have all the participants sign a card that we will be giving to the homeless shelter along with the quilt. We will provide the same snack as previously mentioned. |
|  | We would like to have the quilt presented in the front of Windermere in one of the glass cases. We will have the card as well as a short summary of the purpose of our project along with the quilt. We hope to keep the quilt displayed for a couple of days (hopefully a week). |
|  | We will be taking the card that has been signed by all the participants along with the quilt to Lookout Housing & Health Society in Vancouver after school.  |

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| **Outputs** | **Short-term Outcome** | **Long-term Outcome** |
| Lunch time meetings/ workshops | Bring awareness to the local homeless crisis, teach participants basic knitting skills, foster new friendships, and create a quilt. | Spread awareness to the Vancouver homeless crisis and donate a handcrafted blanket to Lookout Housing and Health Society. |
| Grace and Lili bring quilt and card to Lookout Housing and Health Society | Show Windermere's efforts to help people less fortunate.Hopefully keep someone warm during the next few months of winter. | Spreading awareness to the issue and helping people less fortunate. Showing that when many people work together we are able to accomplish lots. |
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