**Name Of Project:** Better ToFeather

**Summary**

Better ToFeather is a project that entails teaching members in our community to make bird feeders and birdhouses out of recycled materials. Our program will take place at the Collingwood Annex Art Studio on Ormidale and Vanness. Our workshop will be approximately 3 and a half hours. If any changes in time or location occur there will be notifications. Throughout the beginning of the workshop we will explain how birds are important to our environment and how they actually help in cross-pollination and pest control in our community, but due to the cold weather, lack of food, [pollution](https://www.studyread.com/types-of-pollution/), excess use of pesticides, modernization and widespread radiation, many species of birds are becoming extinct. We will then show examples of some bird feeders and houses we made out of recyclable materials. We will provide snacks (chips,cookies,crackers, fruit) and drinks (juice, tea) and possibly pizza for participants. For our workshop we will distribute recyclable materials such as, plastic water bottles, pop cans, and milk cartons to each participant that we collect from our neighbours and people around our neighbourhood. During the workshop, we will give examples as to what kind of bird feeders and houses you can make, and we will supply all materials needed so participates can decorate their creation. We will ask beforehand if anyone is not comfortable with their picture being taken, for we will post pictures of the workshop afterwards. We will also provide bird seed to put inside their bird feeder or house and once they are complete we will go out and hang them around the neighbourhood. We hope that our workshop will allow participants to embrace their creative side, and make something new and different out of something old and used. Our short term goal is to gather members of our community together to have a good time, while our long term goal is to be able to create homes for our local wildlife and for people to recognize that we as a society should get involved in protecting nature more often.

**Description**

We hope that our project will inspire participants to think more selflessly, and will begin to feel more connected to the wildlife around the city seeing that they put something they created into the world that will make a difference for the different birds that are in need of food and shelter from the recent weather. Our project contributes to the community by bringing its members together to create helpful new homes and feeders out of recyclable materials that would otherwise go to waste. Our project will also hopefully remind people that we need to pitch in and make sure that the endangered species of birds are preserved. Our goal is to inspire not only youth, but all members of our community to take action and help make a difference for some of our local wildlife in our neighbourhoods.

**How and who will your project impact?**

Our project hopes to impact the living conditions of the bird species that inhabit our communities by creating homes and feeders for them to use, as well as impacting how we as a community think of the wildlife populating our city.

**How will you measure the success of your project?**

We will measure our success through how many people showed up to our workshop as well as how many actively participated in it by making a feeder or a house. We will also measure our success through. Our success can also be measured through a survey where we will ask each participate to rate their experience and enjoyment on a scale, and what they would like if we do this again, We will also ask everyone to rate their experience from a scale of 1-10 after the workshop is done.

**Project Work Plan**

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| **Promotion of project:**  | **-make posters to promote workshop with time and place and hang them up in collingwood neighborhood house on the bulletin boards****- ask collingwoods youth group to come participate in our workshop on saturday****- post on instagram about workshop and mention that there will be free pizza and other snacks and drinks provided****- spread word to classmates around the school during lunch****- ask student council to announce our workshop on the announcements(ask them to say time and place, as well as free pizza and snacks being provided)**  |
| **Date/Time****Starts at 12:30Ends at 4:30** | **Activity/preparation** |
| **11:30**  | **Arrive at Collingwood Annex Art Studio and meet with Yoko (collaborator) outside of studio**  |
| **12:30-12:45**  | **-Prepare materials- (set out recyclables)****Wait for participants to arrive and play some games (name games, ice breakers) to get to know each other before beginning workshop** |
| **12:45-1:00**  | **Explain our workshop, and the importance of the birds in our community/why we’re doing this project. Explain what our project is about and compassion.**  |
| **1:00-1:15** | **Show examples of our feeders and houses as well as pass around materials to each participant and explain different designs that could draw the attention of birds**  |
| **1:15-4:00** | **Start making birdhouses and bird feeders****Engaging with group and actively walking around and assisting, sharing snacks,drinks and pizza****Talking and communicating with other members** |
| **4:00-4:20** | **Once activity complete, we will take pictures of the participants and their creations to post on social media(only people who want or are fine with their photos taken)****Go outside into the neighbourhood and hang up the bird feeders and houses(if participants want to take their feeders or houses home to hang up they are allowed to do so)** |
| **4:20-4:30** | **Once back at studio, will ask everyone to gather in a circle and rate their experience making their feeders and houses, and to say one thing they liked about our workshop.****Ask people to check out our survey (link to survey will be given) and get them to rate on their as well****Once everyone is gone, clean up around the studio and thank Yoko for the space and for her help in our workshop** |