
Madagascar Mayday

Education and Conservation Primary School Exhibition

Cork School of Music**Tuesday 13 – Friday 30 May****Opening 6pm on Tuesday 13 May**

Madagascar Mayday, an Education and Conservation Primary School Project devised by **Cork Printmakers** and **Fota Wildlife Park**, culminates in an exhibition of over 220 original prints by fifth class students, at Cork School of Music from 13 – 30 May, 2008.

Through **Madagascar Mayday** students from 10 city centre primary schools learned about the many endangered animals and fauna of Madagascar, witnessed conservation projects in action at Fota Wildlife Park and produced visual representations of what they had learned through a series of printmaking workshops facilitated by Cork Printmakers. Each student who took part in the project donated one of their prints to the exhibition at Cork School of Music. These will go on sale for €10 each on the opening night. All proceeds from the sale of work will go directly to a nominated conservation project in Madagascar.

Madagascar, the fourth largest island in the world, has been separated from Africa for millions of years. Consequently, many of its plants and animals exist nowhere else on earth. When people discovered Madagascar 2500 years ago they dramatically changed the balance of life on the island. Roughly four fifths of Madagascar's forests have now been destroyed through human activity, leaving little habitat available for the remaining wildlife. This pressing issue ranks the country as a global conservation hotspot.

Arovako i Madagasikara / Conserve Madagascar!

Participating Schools: Scoil Maria Assumpta Senior Girls, Gaelscoil Naomh Therése, Gaelscoil an Teaghlaigh Naofa, Scoil Ursula, Scoil na Croise Naofa, Scoil Mhuire gan Smál (B), Scoil Mhuire gan Smál (C), Scoil Íosagáin, Scoil Mhuire Banríon, Scoil Mhuire Fatima.

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