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Durham students get real with the police

[Pickering, Oshawa, Whitby, Brooklin, Ajax] – The art works of six Durham students are now installed in Durham Regional Police (DRPS) locations thanks to a joint project of the Durham Regional Police (DRPS) and the Durham West Arts Centre (DWAC).

The project called Expressions: Youth Interpreting Diversity Through the Visual Arts gave students across Durham Region the opportunity to put their art talents to 'real' use. "It's documented that when students see 'real' applications for their work, it becomes more meaningful," says Angie Littlefield. "DWAC is delighted that DRPS decided to use the arts to work with young people in this very positive way."

Award winner Nana Bediako of Notre Dame Catholic School in Ajax has his work "Spirit of Togetherness" installed in the lobby of Police Headquarters at 77 Centre Street in Oshawa. Nicole Ter Horst's "Thanks" hangs in the lobby of 19 Division in Pickering; Nicole is a Pickering High School student. Henry Street High School Mary Airdrie's untitled work is at 15 Division just north of Brooklin. Samantha Gilbert work "My Dad" is destined to be installed in the Police Studies area at Durham College in Oshawa. Milica Filipovski of R.S. McLaughlin will have her work "Green Light" hung in the DRPS Human Resources area at the Region of Durham Headquarters. Amber Lee Campbell from Henry Street already has her work installed in 18 Division in Whitby.

"The art is beautifully created and framed with bronze plaques to commemorate the talents of Durham's young people," says Officer Peri Naccarato who worked on the project.

The works are on view in areas accessible to the police and the public and some are on display at <http://dwac.ca/restOfStory/expressions.html>

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Amber Lee Campbell - Whitby - 18 Division in Whitby.

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