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## **NEW PUBLIC ARTWORK SCHEME SEEKS TO RIVAL BARCELONA**

Local charity IDCF (Isle of Dogs Community Foundation) is committing £77,000 for an ambitious public art scheme that SPLASH Arts, who will lead the project, hopes 'will rival Barcelona for its public artwork and open spaces.'

The money, granted under the Millennium Quarter funding stream, will be allocated over the next three years for the Art in Developments project. This initiative seeks to involve local people in the design and making of a series of public artworks and sculptures for local parks and open spaces. In addition, it will work with borough planners and developers to produce landmark art at major new building developments in the IDCF area.

David Bratby of SPLASH Arts says: "Our vision is to make a case for art in current and proposed building developments. We believe that involving local people in making inspirational sculptures around Blackwall and Millwall will improve the living environment and ensure that public works of art are relevant to local residents."

SPLASH Arts is the artistic arm of the charity, SPLASH and already has a track record of making sculptures and artworks for the area, including a 12 panel ceramic mural at the changing rooms in Millwall Park, a ceramic mural at George Green's School and a series of sculptures at Robin Hood Gardens. Many of these were funded by IDCF under its Creating a Confident Community SRB programme which ran for seven years until 2006.

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