



## **Another Rubbish Idea...**

**Orinoco, the Oxfordshire Scrapstore launches Re-Connect, a fun modelling kit made entirely from rubbish.**

Television presenter and environmental campaigner Howie Watkins (BBC - Really Wild Show, BBC - Science in Action...) will be talking to and working with children in Year three at St. Andrew's C of E Primary (London Road, Headington, opp. Burry Knowle Park) on Thursday (04/04/06) afternoon. Photo call 2pm of Howie and children (parental consent to photograph obtained).

Howie said, "Each Re-Connect kit contains a collection of bendy straws and connectors in an old shoebox. The straws and connectors can be used to build geometric shapes, structures, models, crazy creatures... You're only limited by your imagination."

Howie has been working as a volunteer with Orinoco to develop new products and initiatives. This is, he hopes, the first in a number of new initiatives that will increase the number of users of the Headington-based store.

Re-Connect is available from the Orinoco shop in the Bullingdon Community Centre, Peat Moors Road (off the Slade), Headington, Oxford. OX3 7HS.

The shop is open on Saturdays from 11am to 4pm. Find out more by visiting the website: [www.oxorinoco.org](http://www.oxorinoco.org)

Howie has borrowed a trick from Easyjet entrepreneur, Stellios, "We've only got enough straws to make 200 kits so the first 100 will be £5, the next 50 will be £7.50 and the last 50 will be £10. Hurry along to grab a bargain box at the best price."

All the parts used in Re-Connect are oddments and leftovers from modelling kits made by Cochranes of Oxford Ltd. who specialise in educational games and teaching aids for families, schools and universities. Check out their range of excellent "Construct-o-Straw" kits at: [www.cochranes.co.uk](http://www.cochranes.co.uk).

Orinoco collects suitable waste materials from businesses across Oxfordshire and diverts them from landfill to create innovative playthings and art supplies. This saves money and reduces the amount of waste going to landfill.

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