



***Are you working with young people aged 13-19 who are Interested in MUSIC PRODUCTION, GRAFITTI, CLUB VISUALS, FLYER & BACKDROP DESIGN, DJing + MCing?**

During the week of 28th July- 1August 08 , Soft Touch Arts will be running the second "Urban Xpress" project which will give young people the opportunity to work with urban music and arts professionals and perform their work at local Leicester City Centre club ESKO on the Friday evening of 1st August.

Urban Express is targeted at young people aged 13-19 in the care system; who have been formerly homeless; who are living in supported housing or who are unaccompanied refugees or asylum seekers. It is funded through a Connexions VCS grant.

The course will give 20 young people 50 hours to learn arts and music production skills and will include:

1. Taster arts and music sessions run in youth and community venues around the city and county to recruit young people for the project during June and July 08.
2. A solid week of activities including music production, grafitti art, graphic art, fashion, DJing and MCing during the week of 28th July-1st August at Soft Touch Arts.
3. A performance/showcase for the music and artwork produced at ESKO club on Friday 1st August 5-10pm.
4. 8 weekly follow up sessions to develop arts and music skills further, work towards achieving the NCFE Creative Craft qualification and get advice and information on further opportunities. These will run for 8 Tuesdays 4.30-6.30 from Aug. 12th '08 at Soft Touch Arts.
5. 3 young people from each project will get the chance to become peer mentors and help organise and run the next Urban Xpress Project.

Qualifications/Skills/Personal Development for participants

*Young people will get the opportunity to achieve an NCFE creative arts award (a nationally recognised NVQ level 1 equivalent qualification).

*Learn new arts, music, media and communication skills

*Get Ideas for future careers or education

*Get advice, guidance and support about further opportunities

*Meet new people with similar interests

*Have a great time and have new experiences

*Develop pride, confidence and self esteem through performing and showcasing the work they produce.

If you think you have a young person who fits the criteria and might be interested in this exciting opportunity, please contact Joe or Chris at Soft Touch.

We will need to meet with the young person to give further details and get them to fill out an application to sign them up to the project.

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