



During the week of 28th July-August 1, Soft Touch Arts will be running "Urban Xpress", an intensive project which will give young people the opportunity to work with urban music and art professionals and put on their own showcase event at Leicester's ESKO Club on Friday 1st August. **Urban Express is targeted at young people aged 13-19 in the care system or who have been formerly homeless or who are living in supported housing or who are unaccompanied refuteses or asylum seekers. The project and is funded through a Connexions VCS grant.**

### Application Form

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Home Tel No \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Mobile No: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Support Worker making referral (if applicable) \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Tel No: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Mobile No \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Name, address and telephone number of parent, carer, guardian or next of kin in case of emergency

Do you have a disability or learning difficulty or medical condition - Yes No (if yes please give details)

Do you have any special dietary requirements Yes/No (If yes please give details)

Are you interested in: Music Production Graphics + Graffiti Art

DJing + Decks Skills Video/Club Visuals

Can you commit to attending Mon 28-Thur 31 July 10-5 and Fri 1 Aug 10-10pm

Yes/No

I agree that the above information is correct and by completing this form I am applying for the Urban Xpress project. The personal information included in this form will be held by Soft Touch and Connexions in accordance with the Data Protection Act 1988 for the purposes of work in conjunction with the UrbanXpress project. The personal information may be shared with other agencies where necessary in connection with Connexions functions and the project aims and objectives.

I agree that my name and/or photographs images and music produced during the UrbanXpress project can be included in Soft Touch and Connexions publicity material, local media including newspapers and television and the internet. I fully understand that any web images or information placed on a website will be accessible to any individual with internet access around the world and that my consent may be withdrawn at any time by notifying you at Soft Touch Arts, 120a Hartopp Road, Leicester LE2 1WF.

Name:

Signature:

Date:

Signature of Parent/Carer or Guardian if applicant is under 16 years \_\_\_\_\_



During the week of 28th July - 1st August. 2008 Soft Touch Arts will be running "Urban Xpress2", an intensive project which will give you the opportunity to work with urban music and art professionals and be part of a team which will put on a showcase/club night at Leicester's ESKO club on Friday 1st August 08.

The intensive week will be followed up by 8 sessions running on Tuesday evenings 4.30-6.30pm which will allow you to develop your skills further and get advice and information on other opportunities and complete an NCFE creative arts qualification.

This is a special project which is only available to 20 young people in Leicester and Leicestershire so you need to be sure that you can commit to attend all the sessions.

**Urban Express is targeted at young people aged 13-19 in the care system or who have been formerly homeless or who are living in supported housing or hostels in Leicester and Leicestershire, or who are unaccompanied refugees and asylum seekers.**

**The project is free to attend and we will be able to refund your travel costs (by bus only) at the end of the week (you will need to keep bus tickets and present them to us).**

**During the intensive week, we will expect you to attend every day, Monday - Thursday 10-5pm and on Friday 1st August, be available to perform at the club night during the evening (finish 10pm) You will be able to invite friends and family to this event free of charge.**

**We will provide snacks and drinks, but you will need to bring your own lunch or money to buy lunch (there are sandwich shops and take-away shops close to our premises).**

**If you are interested in applying, Joe from Soft Touch will set up a meeting with you to give you all the information you need and help you fill out the application form.**

**These are some of the things you will get from attending the project:**

- \*opportunity to achieve the NCFE Creative Craft 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 you produce.

**This is what UrbanXpress needs you to be able to commit to:**

1. A solid week of activities including music production, graffiti art, graphic art, fashion, DJing and MCing during the week of 28th July-1st August at Soft Touch Arts.
2. A performance/showcase event to perform the music and artwork produced at ESKO club on the evening of Friday 1st August.
3. 8 weekly follow up sessions to develop arts and music skills further, work towards achieving the Arts Award qualification and get advice and information on further opportunities. These will run for 8 Tuesdays 4.30-6.30 from August 12th at Soft Touch Arts.
4. Optional. 3 young people from each project will get the chance to become peer mentors and help organise and run the next UrbanXpress Project.

**Soft Touch Arts is a Leicester based arts company that runs a wide range of arts projects with young people in Leicester and Leicestershire. We do music, drama, graphics, video, sculpture, arts and crafts, fashion and much more and all our projects and activities are designed to help young people build their skills and confidence and get the chance to take part in enjoyable arts activities.**

**UrbanXpress will take place at our premises in Clarendon Park, Leicester, where we have purpose built recording and art studios with up-to-date high quality equipment.**

**If you want to find out more about what we do, visit our website [www.soft-touch.org.uk](http://www.soft-touch.org.uk). Soft Touch Arts, 120a Hartopp Rd, Leicester LE2 1WF. 0116 2702706. [joe@soft-touch.org.uk](mailto:joe@soft-touch.org.uk)**