

St Basils Film Premier and My Media Showcase

St Basils and young people host the Film Premier and 'My Media' Showcase on 29th February 2008. Taking place at the Medicine Bar, Custard Factory, Gibb St, Birmingham, B9 4AA

Young People Film Premier and 'My Media' Showcase. 1pm to 5.00pm 29th February 2008 Medicine Bar, Custard Factory, Gibb St, Birmingham, B9 4AA St Basils, the leading charity preventing youth homelessness, along with young people, is hosting this exciting Film Premier and 'My Media' Showcase which takes place Friday at 1pm on 29th February at the Medicine Bar and Factory Cinema in the Custard Factory, Digbeth, Birmingham.

Young people at St Basils, have spent the last few months working hard on their 'My Media' courses using various media including film. The Premier Films:

Killer Court

The Making of Killer Court

The Big Sleep Out

Put Em Up

Run Cherry Run

The Exorcism of Julie Dody

Ed-enders

Animation and VJing

The programme was devised so that all young residents, all aged between 16 and 25, at St Basils could work with the most up to date media programmes in a creative way to become skilled in areas such as, digital video filming and editing, animation, VJ-ing; radio broadcasting, desktop publishing, podcasting, photography, and digital music production. They have achieved their ASDAN accreditation and will be presented with their Duke of Edinburgh Award at this unique event. 20 young people have already received Bursaries enabling them to purchase equipment and other materials so that they can continue to develop their media skills in the future.

St Basils works with young people to prevent youth homelessness. The success of the young residents on this programme reflects the commitment and involvement of young people in everything that we do. Their success is our success.

The **National Centre of Excellence** in preventing youth homelessness St Basils Charity houses around 1000 of the 4,000 young people who come to St Basils each year for support. We provide decent quality accommodation on 23 sites in Birmingham, Solihull and Redditch and a whole range of support services to enable them to find and keep a home. The 'My Media' programme is part of our ongoing Creative Academy which engages young people in a variety of activities around arts, drama and media.

This premier, starting at 1.00pm will give the young residents an opportunity to meet learning providers such as, New Technology Institute, South Birmingham College, Birmingham City University, Creative Launchpad, Creative Alliance amongst others. They will also have the opportunity to meet potential employers, BBC, Central TV, Reuters, Screen WM and the UK Film Council.

At 4pm the awards will take place. Speeches and prize giving of ASDAN certificates and Duke of Edinburgh (Bronze) awards will be followed by the film premier. There will also be a live performance given by 1st Chance Youth Theatre Company.

Nadeem Alshameri, one of the young people on the course had this to say: "I've been so happy about all of the media work and studies I have learned. The work we have done has been great, and I have learned so many new skills....."

Daniel Cremin, Project Coordinator, Dynamics Community Arts delivering the project:

"A gritty and gutsy programme, the St Basil's Media Box project has been a tremendously touching and moving experience for all those involved. Its purpose has been to enable empowerment, self-confidence and skills development for the participating young people, through the uses of cutting edge multimedia technology. This project leaves us at Dynamics Community Arts strengthened, uplifted, and inspired."

Jean Templeton, Chief Executive, St Basils "I am pleased to say that the Media Box programme has been a very positive experience for young people at St Basils. For some it has been their first experience of such a programme and for others it has been an opportunity to stretch their learning further and into other art mediums."

Funded by the Department for Children, Schools and Families, the Mediabox programme was delivered in partnership with Dynamics Community Arts, a local arts and media training organisation. Creating the opportunity for them to get this experience and then to consider future training and work opportunities in the fields of their choice. The training was carried out at three St Basils locations, each of which specialised in a specific area of creative opportunities.

Premier Programme 29th February 2008

1.00pm Live Performance, 1st Chance Youth Theatre Company

1.00 –4.00pm Showcase Event, Film Premiers, Finger buffet & drinks served

4.00pm Prize giving, Qualifications, Certificates, Awards

Speakers - Jean Templeton, CEO St Basils

Daniel Cremin - Project Coordinator, Dynamics Community Arts.

4.30 Live Performance, 1st Chance Youth Theatre Company

4.45 Interviews/photo/ opportunities

5.00 Close

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