

Case study WP6 - Magazine Production Group

Suffolk County Council are working in partnership with The Mix, to support young people in gaining alternative skills by offering free opportunities to engage in workshops. As part of the Cyber Youth Project, we are offering sessions for young people aged 11-19 to take part in Magazine Production workshops as part of the WP6 aims of the project.

The Magazine Production workshops are delivered by a young professional named Hayley Buckle. Hayley has a degree in media and has been delivering workshops like these for the past 3 years. Hayley is now developing her professional skills through this opportunity the Cyber Youth Project has offered her, particularly working with young people and developing their employability skills.

The workshops are delivered once a week at a local Community Education Centre in Stowmarket, Suffolk. They run 6-8pm every Monday.

The group are currently working on a project to create a digital magazine that will be available for the public to view online. The young people complete features for the magazine as well as take photos and help with the editorials. So far the group have published a digital magazine which can be found www.facebook.com/mondaymag See http://issuu.com/hayzdanger/docs/monday

There is a core group of 4 young people that attend regularly and are fully engaged in the CYC project. They have come to every session and very dedicated to the project. Each week they get together to show what they have produced for the magazine and with the help of Hayley prepare it for final edit. All the young people involved have seen it as a positive experience and have become more confident since they started this project.

The young people are really enjoying it they said;

"ive learnt a lot of skills and really enjoyed being part of this project."

"I really hope this carries on as its been really useful to get the skills I will need in the future".

Hayley the professional said of the course that;

"The magazine has been really successful in teaching magazine production to young people, developing their writing skills and allowing them to turn creative ideas into live articles".

