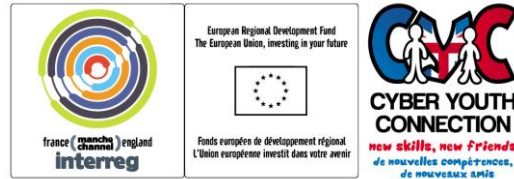


Case study Film Making Group WP6



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 Film Making workshops as part of the WP6 aims of the project.

The Film Making workshops are run by a young professional named Tom Newman who has his own production company called 'Summer Isle Studios'. The workshops are delivered every Monday from 6.30-8.30pm. The group started with about 5 young people and has now grown to a core group of approximately 10 young people who attend the sessions regularly. Part of this project is to teach and support the young people to make films for different local campaigns they support. They have already made a 'Stop Smoking' film as part of local organisation 'Live Well Suffolk's' campaign. 'Live Well Suffolk' are commissioned by the National Health Service to promote healthy lifestyles and approached the group to support with their campaign. The group were also contacted to create a promotional video for the local 'Museum Of East Anglian Life' in Stowmarket.

The group also participated in the recent cross border event in Saint Martin, France, where they were tasked to film the workshops & evening talent show event and then edited it after. We took 3 young people from the film group and Tom who is the creative professional who supported the group. They had the opportunity to use different cameras and lighting equipment and gained experience filming a professional cross cultural event. The young people really enjoyed the experience. We had a lot of positive comments from this including:

"This has been a brilliant experience and I really enjoyed it" Charlie L

"I'm really interested in being part of this project in the future and hope to one day teach a workshop." Charlie L

"France is a beautiful place, I would definitely come back". Ryan M

"I was nervous about filming but learnt a lot" Russel F

Tom the creative professional said;

"It has been great to work with such motivated young people. We have a busy schedule and they all seem really enthusiastic.

The group completed the filming and are now working on editing the footage which will be shared with the partners engaged in the CYC Project. . They continue to take on new projects and are keen to learn new skills.

