

Provision for Children and Young People

Arts and Events

Our approach to working with young people is to involve them in quality activities with consultation a key aspect of the process.

- **Arts & Regeneration/Breeze**

Get Creative

A unique partnership project between LCC, Northern Ballet Theatre, Opera North, Phoenix Dance, West Yorkshire Playhouse and Yorkshire Dance. It offers young people aged 9-17 the chance to take part in a programme of workshops at The Carriageworks and engages young people who lack other opportunities. The workshops are in groups, according to age.

Gallery 37

Gallery 37 Plus 2007 is a programme focussing on two intensive four-week summer schools taking place in July-August 2007 and 2008. The project will provide the means to motivate young people through creativity and the arts, developing skills and building self-confidence through accredited training and work experience for young people ages 16 to 25 not in education, employment or training. Young people ages 11 to 16 will get the opportunity to participate in 'tasters' and 'developers' sessions through existing art projects including Breeze, Get Creative, Bright Young Things, Routemap, Urban Fusion and Black History Month events. These initial 'tasters' and 'developers' will provide participants with the opportunity to progress through to the four week summer schools.

Breeze International Youth Festival

BIYF takes place annually across the city and works with High schools, international schools, community groups and cultural organisations to provide unique experiences for young people, which they may not otherwise be able to take part in. The Festival provides Leeds-based high schools access to professional performing companies, artists and sports coaches. This year, an in-depth consultation about the direction of the Festival has taken place, in association with the Youth Council and a working party has been set up to continue throughout the year. Consultation also took place on a local community radio phone in and a questionnaire has been sent out to 5,000 young Breezecard members. Further consultation will follow with young people with disabilities.

Bright Young Things

Bright Young Things is an annual showcase of musical talent in Leeds. Renowned as a successful launch pad for young bands' careers, Bright Young Things annual goal is to thrust the city's musical talent into the spotlight. 15 bands are chosen from a wide range of demos and go on to receive free professional studio rehearsal and recording time, a professional photo shoot, a track included on the BYT CD, website, press and media coverage, promotion to music industry sources across the UK and a live, high profile gig.

arts@leeds

The arts@leeds grant scheme provides annual funding for a number of groups who work with young people, for example LS7 Results – dance/drama workshops for young people in the LS7 area, The Project – annual programme of participatory arts development for young people and Interplay Theatre – annual programme of high quality theatre and digital media

work for young people.

- **Events**

Ice Cube

Millennium Square hosts the largest outdoor ice rink in the UK, with over 1,200 square metres of real ice. Ice Cube attracts about 70,000 skaters per year and 250,000 visitors.

Party in the Park

Party in the Park is a free annual outdoor music concert at Temple Newsam which attracts about 70,000 pop fans every year.

Leeds Lights Up!

The annual festive lights switch on is the most high-profile element of the Christmas shopping campaign and attracts up to 35,000 people.

Millennium Square concerts

Millennium Square hosts a number of concerts throughout the year which appeal to young people, for example, the Slam Dunk festival and Kaiser Chiefs.

- **Leeds Film**

Leeds Young People's Film Festival

The largest young people's film festival in the UK (public attendance at 5,000 young people attending of their own volition during their Easter holidays per year), LYPFF is an annual event, now in its 8th edition, aimed at young people aged between 3-19 years old. The Festival prides itself on screening films made explicitly for, and by, young people from around the world and for many is the only opportunity for this kind of specialist exhibition to be experienced. The screenings are accompanied by a range of workshops and masterclasses (Film Academy) which provide insight into, and experience of, many different aspects of the moving image industry and culture, led by professionals currently working in the industry who also offer clear career path guidance and sustainable opportunities, especially within the region.

The Festival also features the **Young Consultants** project - an annual project designed to ensure that the Festival itself is as genuinely young people-led as possible. Two diverse groups of children and young people from across Leeds, aged 9 – 11 and 12 – 17 meet weekly for 10 weeks in the run up to the Film Festival to work alongside the team in preparing all aspects of planning and delivering the Film Festival including programming, brochure design, marketing, workshops and the website.

The **National Young Filmmakers Award** is a celebration of films made by young people for young people from across the UK, providing an opportunity for exhibition in front of a public and professional audience with feedback.

Leeds Film Academy

The Film Academy is a new development for the Festival. Funded for 2006-7 by the

Neighbourhood Renewal Fund and with plans to extend a further year to April 2008, the project is an academic, year-long, Arts Award accredited film course for 12-15 year olds. The programme (essentially a film foundation course) consists of film screenings and screen-related activities such as filmmaking/moving image masterclasses and workshops (scriptwriting, acting, camera, sound, editing etc) all led by professionals currently working in the industry. Events take place at venues across the city, including the City Learning Centres, the Carriageworks and the Royal Armouries who are all partners in the project.

The young people involved are at risk of social exclusion and are underachieving at school. They are currently from South Leeds, Carr Manor and Morley High Schools. The Film Academy provides the chance to re-engage with learning opportunities from inspiration to participation in hands-on activities that are then measured in a way which celebrates their individual creative progress not just their skills.

The project aims to demystify the moving image industry, create and develop visual and moving image literacy and provide sustainability by leaving behind skilled young filmmakers with opportunities to use these skills for peer education and practical filmmaking assignments.

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Young Film Journalists Scheme

A scheme that encourages young film journalists to further their career. Taking place as part of the Leeds International Film Festival, the scheme invites various young journalists from around the country to come to the festival and, under the tutelage of established film journalists, provide the content for a film festival daily that will provide news and reviews.

- **Music**

Musical Carousel

A series of concerts designed to introduce children to live music through performance, participation and fun. Each concert features performers who specialise in playing to young people. Musical Carousel concerts take place at The Venue, Quarry Hill on Sundays.

Fused Ensemble

A group for young musicians to create music together through improvisation, with help from music leaders. Participants suggest artists to work with and projects to tackle and each term the group works towards a recording or performance project.

Schools' music concert

Leeds International Concert Season and the Orchestra of Opera North joined forces to present two orchestral concerts for primary school children from 28 Leeds schools. The concerts took place at Leeds Town Hall and were aimed at introducing children to orchestral music and instruments. Entitled The Big Bang: Music Under the Microscope, the concerts explored music and science through a series of pieces.

- **Leeds Lights**

Design A Light competition

An annual competition for children to design a Christmas light to be displayed in Lands Lane in the city centre. Workshops are held at a number of schools in the North East area to launch the competition. The winners visit the Leeds Lights workshop to see their lights being made and received an invite to the main switch on event for their friends and family. Their artwork is also displayed at The Carriageworks.

- **The Carriageworks**

Shows and performances for children and young people are held at The Carriageworks on Millennium Square, for example, the Christmas 2006 pantomime Snow White. Young people are also included in the amateur dramatic groups who perform in the building.

- **Leeds Town Hall**

Leeds Town Hall hosts events for young people such as GCSE Poetry Live and Education Leeds events.