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ARTSCAMP RETURNS FOR 2010

Propel Youth Arts WA announces the return of ArtsCAMP for creative young Western Australians

Hosted by Propel Youth Arts WA, WA's peak body for youth arts, ArtsCAMP is an exciting week - long creative experience for young people aged 15 – 17 years to explore and contribute to Perth's art community. ArtsCAMP is the only event of its kind offered in Western Australia.

Held in the first week of the July school holidays, ArtsCAMP provides an excellent platform for young people to learn about the cultural opportunities Perth has to offer, engage, participate and learn about the creative industries as well as express their own ideas. The innovative camp will be packed with creative hands-on workshops with practising artists, tours of arts spaces in and around Perth, events including gigs, theatre, exhibitions and art industry talks.

Last year's ArtsCAMP saw 42 young arts enthusiasts aged 15 – 17 from all across the state meet and network with professionals within the Perth arts community and with each other. Proudly supported by the Foundation for Young Australians, the camp breaks down barriers that can prevent young people from connecting to the arts. 2009 arts camper Kale Burgess said the camp provided a rewarding experience for all involved:

"Talking to so many people who love and encourage artists has given everyone a morale boost and inspiration to last a lifetime!" he said.

Propel's General Manager Sonja Basic said the camp acts as a career stepping stone, with many of the camp's participants using their experience to contribute back into Perth's art and cultural scene:

"Camp participants have gone on to create their own exhibitions, arts collectives and undergone arts training to further establish emerging careers. It is so rewarding to see the positive benefits ArtsCAMP provides to these creative young people and the local Perth community", she said.

ArtsCAMP is held in the first week of the July school holidays from Monday 5 July to Friday 9 July 2010. Applications for ArtsCAMP are now open online at www.propel.org.au and close 5pm Friday 14 May 2010. All young Western Australians aged 15 – 17 years are encouraged to apply. For those regional and remote participants Propel is offering 10 full financial bursaries to pay for travel to and from ArtsCAMP.

Propel acknowledges young people with disabilities may require extra support to engage in ArtsCAMP and is happy to accommodate learning, physical and intellectual needs. For further information about ArtsCAMP contact Susannah Day, Projects Co-ordinator on (08) 9328 5855 or email suzy@propel.org.au.

Propel Youth Arts WA is the peak body for youth arts in Western Australia dedicated to creating opportunities for young people to engage in the Arts.

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