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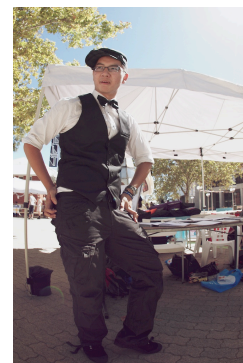
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ArtsCAMP proves to be a career stepping - stone.

Previous ArtsCAMP participant makes his creative mark in Perth's cultural scene.

ArtsCAMP is Propel Youth Arts WA's inaugural camp designed to provide young people the opportunity to learn about cultural experiences Perth has to offer and meet like-minded creative people. Registrations have now been extended and close Friday 20th May 2011.

Now in its third year, ArtsCAMP is proving to be a stepping - stone for young people wanting to start their careers in the creative industries. Local Willetton resident Ben Ee's work is currently featured in the Art Gallery of Western Australia's Year 12 Perspectives exhibition. Ben also held a stall at the Own It! National Youth Week 2011 KickstART Youth Markets, selling his sketchbooks and drawing on the spot portraitures. Ben hopes to study Gaming Design at Melbourne's digital media education institution, Quantm in 2012.



Propel Youth Arts WA Executive Director Monique Douglas said the program has been well received over the past few years and it was extremely rewarding to see the fruition of the young people's artistic careers.

"ArtsCAMP has been invaluable in encouraging young people to start their dream career in the arts. Like Ben, many previous ArtsCAMP participants have since been involved in visual arts exhibitions, markets and even formed a band registered on the Triple J Unearthed website," she said.

"Other participants have undertaken formal training at universities and TAFE institutions, volunteered at art events throughout Perth and started their own creative collectives. It is very exciting to see these talented young people embrace the opportunities offered from ArtsCAMP."

Proudly supported by the Foundation for Young Australians, this years ArtsCAMP will include creative workshops with local artists, tours of metropolitan arts companies and organisations, creative industry and career information forums and opportunities to attend gigs, theatre shows and exhibitions. Participants will be exposed to many art forms including contemporary dance, opera, theatre, circus, film, contemporary music and more.

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 world of art.

ArtsCAMP 2011

ArtsCAMP is held 10th – 14th July 2011.

Registrations now extended to Friday 20th May 2011 and are open to young people 15 – 17 years.

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