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KickstART Youth Markets celebrates creative young people

Youth markets set to launch the opening of Own It! National Youth Week 2011

Propel Youth Arts WA is hosting the KickstART Youth Markets, the flagship event for Own It! National Youth Week 2011. The markets will be officially launched on Saturday 2nd April at 10am in the Perth Cultural Centre by the Minister for Youth, the Honourable Robyn McSweeney BA JP MLC.

Supported by the Western Australian Government Department for Communities' Office for Youth, Youthbeyondblue and Lotterywest, the youth centric markets open to the general public will include market stalls full of hand-made wares from young Western Australian artists and designers, interactive art activities, live performances from local musicians and performers and an interactive art trail.

On display will be a giant retro rocket ship made by young people with the help of local Lead Artist Lewis Horne. The retro rocket ship comprised entirely of recycled materials will be the central hub of the markets and will be the starting point of the interactive art trail. Designed to encourage market goers to explore the Perth Cultural Centre, each trail stop will have a limited edition magnet to collect.

The market stalls will feature products of local artists and designers including hand made bags, ceramics, photos, jewellery, zines, toys, paintings, clothing and accessories.

There will be workshops on offer in the urban orchard with the REmida Reuse Centre, a hangout place to in the Youthbeyondblue Chillax zone, Year 12 Perspective Floor Talks at the Art Gallery of Western Australia and a sketchbook exhibition at the Propel Youth Arts WA stall.

Propel Youth Arts WA Executive Director Monique Douglas said the KickstART Youth Markets provides an opportunity to promote WA's youth arts and cultural scene as well as create a positive experience for all the young people involved.

"National Youth Week is the largest celebration of young people in Australia. Propel is really excited to be on board to create an event that engages young people to actively get involved in the arts and promotes the works of talented young artists and arts workers."

Youthbeyondblue CEO, Ms Dawn O'Neil also shares her support for National Youth Week.

"This is the sixth year *youthbeyondblue* has supported National Youth Week and we are please to have the opportunity to reach so many people. Across Australia we are supporting over 100 Youth Week events to remind young people that help is available and it's always OK to talk about depression and anxiety," she said.

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

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Saturday 2nd April 2011, 10am – 4pm

Perth Cultural Centre

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