

Youth Engagement

Engaging young people with history, heritage and community, through cultural activity

- We work with young people in many different settings, from schools to young offenders, young carers, and youth work. Our youth engagement programmes empower young people to take pride and ownership of their communities by becoming 'Young Culturepreneurs'
- **Young Culturepreneur:** 'An individual empowered and supported by their local community to become a 'cultural entrepreneur' of the future.'
 - Age: 11 – 25.
 - Skills include:
 - Planning, fundraising and facilitating cultural events.
 - Advising the arts and cultural sector on how best to consider youth voice. (Advocating the benefits, and supporting their peer's skill development).
- Alongside our Youth Engagement programme, we offer **Arts Award**. This programme allows young people to develop their creative/artistic and leadership skills, whilst gaining a nationally recognised qualification. They also experience project management skills, and gain awareness of planning public events; from risk assessment through to evaluation.

Our steps to achieve this:

- Listen to the needs and desires of the communities' youth.
- Build a collaborative team to research the local community (or beyond)
- Equip the young people to produce a programme of events and activities in the community
- Accredit the programme with the nationally recognised Arts Award qualification (optional)



Success Story – PULSE Youth Engagement event

PULSE was a pilot programme conceived and delivered by Future Creative to support 8 cultural organisations in Kent to develop partnerships with young people aged 11-24 years.

- 164 young PULSE organisers delivered workshops to 315 people and events to audiences of over 500.
- From a 'battle of the bands' to the creation of an iconic skate sculpture, the young people were empowered to plan, fundraise, market, facilitate and evaluate their own events.

"Seeing it all come together and knowing I've had a big part in getting it together... is inspiring."

- PULSE youth organiser



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