

Studio Days Newsletter #1

May 2017



We reflect on a busy first year of the second phase of the project

This May brings our project to the end of its first year. This new phase has seen us expand by adding a new Centre to the weekly schedule, taking on a three hour sessions at the Young Adult Centre in Southall. This has allowed us to reach new young people from a different section of the Ealing borough, with this studio positioned further west. This has been an interesting set up, having two studio provisions to compare workflow and create a more varied attendance group. The Southall sessions started slowly, meaning a core group of users could have a lot more one-on-one time with our tutor. These smaller groups were much more focused and gave the attendees the opportunity to progress their work much quicker.

As for our international work on Fridays with youth groups from other countries, our current collaborative group has deemed generally frustrating. Their unstable funding situation has meant that their sessions have not been as regular and structured as ours. This means our input far out weighted theirs and we spent a lot of time waiting for them to finish or add to work we'd submitted to them. At the time of writing this we still only managed to finish a couple of tracks, and it's been some weeks since we've heard from them.

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Bollo Brook Youth Centre

Based in South Acton, Bollo has been a part of the local community for the last decade. Well known in the area and beyond, young people travel from as far as Croydon and Kingston to attend the sessions.

Young Adults Centre

Although there has been a studio at YAC for a few years it is a new location for the Studio Days sessions. Based in Southall these sessions usually cater for a more local group of young people.

Music Videos, Performances & Interviews.

Here's some of the stuff our young talent have been up to.



Some quotes from our Young People...

“When I’m at Studio I feel I ‘m free and I can be myself”

“All the things I can’t express at home, I feel I can at studio. Its where I come to release”

“My relationship with music is kinda unexplainable. Studio helps me try...”

Willhvse at the Chunnin Showcase

On the 30th March Willhvse performed at the ‘Chunin Exam Showcase’ at Suyra in Kings Cross. Also on the bill were Micah Million, ThrSixty (Ash Windy, Joresy, NI) and other upcoming UK Talent.

Slyz on YouTube

Slyz has had a busy few months, releasing several videos on YouTube channels such as Mixtape Madness and Inner City. He’s also been performing in Swindon and doing interviews for Tigana’s YouTube channel.

T – Rex’s composes for ‘Underworld Deaf’

T-Rex has been writing a number of tracks for a play written and performed by a hearing impaired drama group called “Underworld Deaf”. He has created four tracks to be played at various parts of the production. He has also been continuing to write and record his own rap tracks.

Josh Oshea’s debut mixtape close to completion

Almost 12 months in the making, Oshea is putting the final touches to his debut release, coming out