

Hope Music Mentoring

Helping Other People Excel

January 2011

An Update from the HOPE Music Project...

This has been an incredibly busy year for the music project! We've had recordings, EP releases, creative academies, gigs - we're wondering how we fitted it all in!

The last twelve months has given the project the opportunity to work with nearly 100 young people - some on a weekly basis and other coming along to one of our weeklong academies. In fact we've worked with more young people this year than ever before!

Highlights

Our Summer Academy, which runs every year at the end of August had 49 young people attending spending a week doing band workshops, vocal workshops, video making, DJ'ing, graphic design and photography, behind the scenes technical workshops and dance.

After school we've been working with young people from all over Portsmouth mentoring them as bands, honing their skills, recording them, promoting them and seeing them excel at what they love doing. The studio was bustling with young people nearly every single day and so far two of our bands have already released an EP of recordings, another on the way this month and many more recording sessions already booked in the diary.

Many of the young people have also been gigging locally, sometimes with our help and sometimes off their own back - armed with their freshly recorded EP's. It's great for them to get out there and get their music heard.

This Year

We've got an exciting year ahead as well with at least 10 new young people working with project already.



The Hope Music Mentoring Project seeks to:

Encourage young people who live in inner city Portsmouth to use their musical and creative abilities.

Be a positive role model to these young people as well as help them with their creative gifts.

Teach young people to dream big and have confidence in themselves.

Give young people space to practise and provide opportunities to gig, record and be heard.



Summer Academy 2010

This year we undertook a massive challenge of having nearly double the number of young people attend our Summer Academy. However, the week was incredible and resulted in an amazing showcase gig at the end. If you've never heard about what happens at the Summer Academy young people attend for an entire week and choose from a selection of 'streams'. This year these were:

- Band Stream
- Vocal Stream
- Video editing / production
- DJ Stream
- Dance Stream
- Backstage / Technical (lighting, sound etc)
- Graphics and Photography

The young people will then pursue that for the entire week (guided by some expert mentors who give up their time to be there) to produce something that they will then perform at a big showcase gig at the end of the week. The results were

incredible and the gig consisted of 4 acts of live music, an acoustic vocal track, a fully edited music video, an incredible dance sequence, five DJ sets, reams of photos and graphics and all the sound, lighting and visual support needed to make the show go off without a hitch.

Video Stream

The video stream this year had the rather 'large' task of creating a music video for one of the HOPE Music bands (a group called 'Everything But Arms'). They spent a few days shooting on location somewhere deep in Sussex before bringing all the footage back here to put the video all together. They produced an incredible music video, which you can view on YouTube to see just how well the entire team did.

DVD

The entire gig is filmed and edited into a slick DVD that each young person gets at the end. A preview of the DVD is also available on YouTube for you to check out.

Links to all the YouTube videos are available from our website www.hopeportsmouth.com.

Download the EP's!

The music project helped two of our artists release EP's this year with more on the way. With the power of technology you can go listen and download these tracks on either iTunes or Spotify.

The money from any downloads helps support the HOPE Project.



Defined Music - The Zone EP

Three piece indie rock band.
 Available on iTunes, Spotify or from us direct
www.definedmusic.co.uk



Heather-Elizabeth - Shadows EP

Heather is an acoustic singer / songwriter.
 Available on iTunes, Spotify or from us direct
www.facebook.com/heather.elizabeth.music

500 Club

A massive thanks to everyone who joined our 500 Club! We are seeking to raise money to soundproof our rehearsal rooms and recording studio by inviting 500 people to chip in £10 each. We are just over half way there and we hope that work can begin in April / May.

We haven't raised all the money just yet - so there is still time to join in and support this. Every little helps, so please consider supporting us if you are able.

If you would like to support the 500 club you can visit

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