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YOUNG REP

Find Your Talent is funding a very exciting initiative in partnership with the Birmingham Rep. Taking the model of the very successful Youth Theatres, the Birmingham Rep are in the process of establishing four groups in Telford Schools.

Working in Abraham Darby Academy, Phoenix School, Charlton School (and coming soon) Wrockwardine Wood Arts College, all Young Rep groups are developing a variety of projects with performances taking place towards the end of the term. As an example, The Phoenix School's senior group will be performing at the REP in December. It's a really busy time for the groups, but exciting as it's a great chance for young people to get involved in high quality drama.

THE REP



THE ZONE

The Zone are DanceXchange's weekly creative contemporary dance classes, that run every Saturday morning in term time at Blessed Robert Johnson Catholic College, Wellington. There are three different classes for different age groups as follows:

4 – 7 year olds	9.30 – 10.30am
8 – 11 year olds	10.30 – 11.30am
12 – 14 year olds	11.30 – 12.30am

The classes are on a week by week drop in basis with each class costing just £3.50 per week.

TELFORD YOUTH DANCE COMPANY

Telford Youth Dance Company runs every Tuesday evening during term time from 7 – 9pm at New College. Run by Clare Palethorpe, it costs just £4 for a two hour session in contemporary technique and developing work as a company. There will be performance opportunities throughout the year for the company.

Find Your Talent remains committed to providing an exciting cultural offer to young people who want to build upon their interest in dance AND young people entirely new to dance, keen to learn and develop exciting new skills.

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Maths Adventure**
Abraham Darby Academy
develop an innovative adventure.

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BLISTS HILL MATHS ADVENTURE

Thirty students at Abraham Darby Academy have developed an innovative maths adventure trail for primary schools visiting the Blists Hill Victorian Village. The challenge of bringing maths to life in a museum setting really intrigued the year nine group who researched ideas and spent time delivering maths workshops in local primary schools before mapping ideas around the village. The pocket sized challenge is designed to encourage interaction and problem solving and embraces a range of calculations using fractions, percentages and exchange rates for pre-decimal currency. The cross phase approach has developed a range of skills in the participants who have also commissioned a professional graphic design company to help shape ideas.

Project coordinator and maths teacher Gaby Hickman explains:

"the activity has already worked on several levels, problem solving, speaking and listening and putting the fun in to functional maths. The support from Find Your Talent has been invaluable and has allowed us to work to a really high standard with a quality outcome now being piloted with museum staff. The whole concept has also attracted tremendous interest elsewhere which is down to the students' enthusiasm and creative thinking."

Jade and Mitchell in year 10 at the academy agree:

'The cartoon family we've invented make it really appealing for year five and six pupils, I never realised maths could be so interesting, but it has been hard work.'

The completed resource will be launched in December with its own website and will be available for schools to use in the New Year.



WIN AN ORIGINAL ARCHITECTURAL DRAWING

September sees CABE (Commission for Architecture and the Built Environment) mark its 10th birthday, and to celebrate, we're inviting all teachers to submit a lesson idea that uses a building or place. The most inspiring idea will win a framed signed drawing from a renowned architectural practice for their school.

www.engagingplaces.org.uk/news/art71140
to enter by **Friday 11th December 2009.**



The next Band Night takes place on
Thursday 5th November 2009 at 7pm.
Tickets cost **£5.00 on the door or £4.00 in advance.**

You can buy your tickets in advance by contacting the theatre direct on **01952 382382** or online at:
www.theplacetelford.com



MULTICULTURAL WORKSHOPS

Find Your Talent has been supporting a wide range of workshops, coordinated by the Multi Cultural Development Service in schools throughout Telford. Recently, as part of Queenswood Primary's International Week, the children took part in a wide range of activities including mask making, a flamenco guitar workshop, Chinese dancing, an African story telling workshop and creating pictures inspired by Aboriginal artwork. Becca Butler, Head Teacher at Queenswood Primary school said:

"The International Week served to help our children see the wide range of artistic and cultural activities contained within the many vibrant cultures throughout the world. The children embraced all the activities and had a wonderful time."

PARTNERSHIP DAY A DATE FOR YOUR DIARY!

Please reserve Friday 15th January in your diary for Telford Culture Zone's fantastic Partnership Day – full details to be detailed in November's newsletter. The Partnership Day's are an excellent opportunity to network with Creative Practitioners and schools from across Telford.



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A series of curriculum focussed seminars starting in November.

A New Team Member
Parminder Naga joins the Telford Culture Zone Team.

MLA TRAINING COURSE (MUSEUMS, LIBRARIES AND ARCHIVES COUNCIL)



A series of seminars with a curriculum focus are being held between **November 2009 and March 2010**. To book a free place on one of these events, go to one of the following regional links on the MLA website:

4th November 2009 - West Midlands

Explode Your Mind: Exploring how general collections can support **science** enquiry in children and young people.

2nd December 2009 - West Midlands

Today I Learnt...Exploring how museums and archives can bring learning to life through the **secondary curriculum**.

http://www.mla.gov.uk/what/programmes/commissioning/CPD/west_midlands_cpd

A completed CPD booking form should be sent to cpd@mla.gov.uk

PARMINDER NAGA JOINS THE TELFORD CULTURE ZONE TEAM

A brand new project worker, Parminder Naga has just started with Telford Culture Zone and will be helping to coordinate the many exciting projects that we support. Parminder comes to Telford Culture Zone from sampad where she worked as the Education and Participation Arts Coordinator.

Parminder has a lot of experience helping to facilitate opportunities for young people and looks forward to her new role. In addition to her varied work experience Parminder has a degree in Radio, Film and Multi Media and recently developed a children's book which included many fantastic illustrations.

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