

Soap Box Films



Soap Box Films have been awarded a Big Lottery grant and funding from Children in Need to develop work with young people (13-19) across Merseyside (Liverpool, Knowsley, St Helens, Halton, and Birkenhead, Bootle & Netherton). These video training projects have many outcomes including a 5-10 minute DVD, an enhancement of the participants' communication and team-working skills, a local and an annual screening, and the potential to gain an OCN accredited qualification. Until the end of May 2010 the subsidy is 58% off the total cost of the project. If you are interested, Soap Box would like to come over to your area and meet with you face to face to discuss in further detail how we can work together. Initially, you could contact us for more detailed information on 0151 708 8008 or info@soapboxfilms.org.uk

Four recent examples

River Alt Resource Centre

Mark worked with a group of young people with learning difficulties in Huyton, based at the River Alt Resource Centre. The project asks members of the group and other young people with learning difficulties what annoys them most about how they are sometimes treated. Interviews with short drama pieces devised by the group were cut together and focus on "being looked down on," "people losing patience" and "bullying".

Holly Lodge

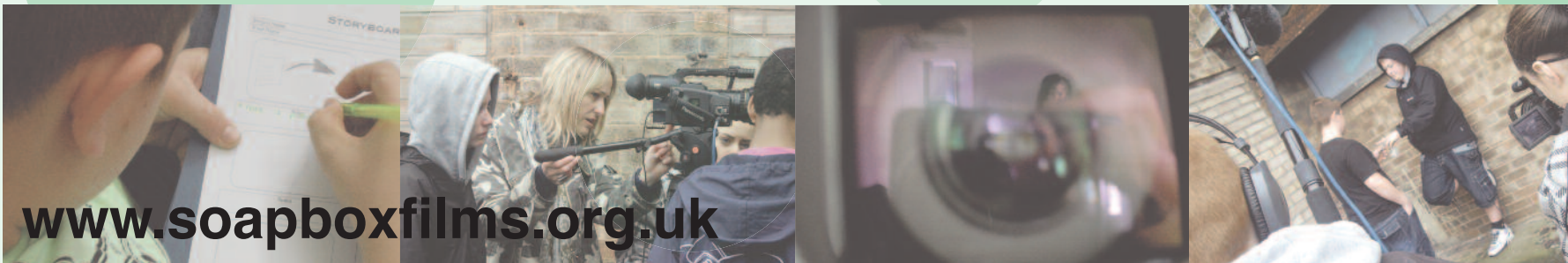
Kath taught and supported 17 media students at Holly Lodge school for one afternoon a week for over four months on projects about Cyber bullying. The work that they produced went towards the students GCSE syllabus.

Fairbridge Merseyside

Young people from Fairbridge Merseyside wrote, filmed, edited and produced the soundtrack for Status Update, a psychological drama with black comedy undertones. The young people wanted to create a film that dealt with issues that affect young people but to make it original and thought-provoking. They decided to tackle two bold issues. Firstly, soldiers returning from War and their reintegration into society and secondly the way in which people are socially interacting via computer-mediated-communication devices, and it's isolating effects. By combining these two issues the young people have produced a unique short film.

De-Myst

Mark worked with a group of about 10 young people from the anti-smoking awareness group De-Myst based in Liverpool. The video interviews two ex-smokers about their experiences, talks to a Hollyoaks' producer and short film director about when and if smoking is really needed on TV and in the movies, and interviews people on the street. The video is being used in schools and youth groups to raise awareness.



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