

Are you WIRED?

Rural Action East, Norfolk Rural Community Council and Momentum Arts are working together to develop a programme aimed at helping young people (16-18) living in rural areas to express their views and concerns about the issues that face them and, in doing so, identify ways to make a change.

The project, with the working title of WIRED, seeks to involve young people in challenging issues they feel effect them due to the fact they live in rural areas. We would hope that the young people who take part in the project will share their findings via social media and, by doing this, find out more about the potential social media has for their own personal development and how it might help them to make changes in their communities.

The issues we are interested in hearing about could be anything from feeling distanced from the job market, because of where they live, to the frustration of not getting a signal on their mobile phones. The idea behind the project will be to provide young people with the facility to work together to find solutions to these problems and, in doing so, force the decision makers to listen to them.

Part of the project will involve a summer school of creative activity where young people will work with creative and artist facilitators to look at what is important to them and their communities. This could be done by way of short 'voxpath' interviews, film making, drama, photography or other art forms. Along the way the young people will get an opportunity to try new things, make new friends and gain new skills. The findings will feed into a virtual collection of film clips, music and lively debate. This will then be used as an advocacy tool with which to empower the young people.

The workshops will be free to attend and transport and refreshments will be provided.

At this stage we would very much like to hear from young people by way of this survey: for example, we would love to know what they think about living in rural areas and find out how important social media is to them.

Please could you circulate this to any young people you are working with and return the completed forms in the s.a.e provided or via email to nancy@momentumarts.org.uk

If you require any further information please contact nancy@momentumarts.org.uk

Thank you for your support!

