

MOUTH THAT ROARS FILM MAKING WITH YOUNG PEOPLE FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

"Often it is those we least expect to have an opinion, who actually offer the most thought provoking and challenging perspective on the world." Mouth That Roars©

Company Information

Mouth That Roars is about children and young people that find themselves excluded, feeling included.

Who We Are ...

Mouth That Roars (MTR) is a charitable and not for profit company which was set up with the sole purpose of training young people in Video production who wouldn't ordinarily have access to media resources. MTR enables young people who are quite often misrepresented within society, a space to be heard and a medium in which they can voice their thoughts and feelings.

MTR supports young people to develop self-esteem, self-confidence, self-awareness and motivation. They provide a learning environment that increases young people's awareness of their community, wider social issues and encourages cultural exchange through the process of film making and teamwork.

Mouth That Roars is about giving access

Why We Do It ...

Video projects may require a young person to use and/or effectively develop their communication and negotiation skills, work as part of a team, take on leadership roles and responsibility, acquire new technical skills and make use of literacy, numeracy and computing skills. They will often have to make quick thoughtful decisions, negotiate their ideas, think critically about what is being produced and manage their emotional response to the feedback of others. As a result of their involvement in a creative process, which is inclusive, they will build on their feelings of self-worth and self-confidence.

"When we get given the camera, it makes us responsible for it, which enables us to build our confidence in other situations, which makes us feel we can do other things, such as now I work in child care and I don't think I would have ever thought I could be responsible for someone else if I hadn't had that experience."

Smiya, 16 Years

How We Do It ...

Through enabling the young people from the onset to have a complete 'hands on' experience, giving them access to equipment & control on film content through experiential learning, immediately gives young people ownership over the process & product.

Not 'one size fits all', we are forever developing our workshop skills & adapting ways of learning to be diverse & as flexible to support all young peoples learning needs., especially working with young people who don't necessarily fit the mainstream.

It is important for us to not reproduce the 'traditional' learning practices as its forever being proven that this can be exclusive to some. This does not mean that young people produce anything they like, anyway they like without there being any educational input. At all times during the process we challenge the young people & their ideas by exploring the media instilled stereotypes that exist in today's society and enable a forum to look at how we can easily perpetuate our own negative stereotypes. We also provide a safe environment for the young people to critically review each others work & opinions which results in a product that they can be proud of.

Mouth That Roars is about challenging the stereotype, challenging the misconceptions and preconceptions of children's and young people's lives.

"You have to work with people you might be really nervous about working with! Media makes you communicate, and this can help you in your future in a job interview and even just walking into a new space... It's always challenging your confidence."

Anthony 17 Years

MTR works with Broadcast Quality Equipment ensuring a professional quality product of Broadcast standard.

Our Experience ...

Mouth that Roars Management Committee consists of a range of professionals whose experience represents:

- 12years directing and production for Television.
- 17 years qualified Youth and community work including probationary work with young people and lecturing.
- 15 years experience initiating innovative issue based project work with young people.
- 8 years experience budget planning and legal procedures for TV and Production Management.
- 8 years managing staff and volunteers.

MTR works with a professional team of freelancers who are trained in working with young people & MTR trained in child protection & diversity. All facilitators are CRB checked.

Mouth That Roars is about raising awareness within society

Mission Statement ...

"Some of us have had the fortune to spend days, times, moments with people from different cultures. From these experiences we can learn so much. So much about how what we read or what we are told by the media is so disjointed and coloured by political agendas, which do not speak for the everyday person or experience. Mouth That Roars aims to bridge this gap, to bring people closer to understanding and celebrating our differences. We believe we are only able to do this if we enable the real people who are experiencing the experiences to tell us how it is for them to ask and answer the questions."

Selection of MTR Film Projects ...

- **Back on Ground Level** Explores people's thoughts & feelings moving from tower blocks to houses.
- **50/50** Young Disabled people in Newham talk about provision
- **24-7** Looks at young parenthood.
- **Colour Blind** Focuses on the subject of racism in East London
- **My Reality** Follows the story of a young gay man.
- **Children and Play** Consultation film for Warrington Play Council
- **Children in Care** Promotional film for Children's Rights
- **Jamie's Story** Life as an otherwise able bodied person living in care
- **Our Future** The lives of thirteen, thirteen year olds in the UK
- **15 going on 16** Young women living in Brixton
- **Another Angle** Young people and counselling
- **Our Life** Life as a young refugee
- **Breakaway** Parental conflict
- **15** One story about teenage parenthood
- **The Estate We're In** Explores what young people would like changed on their estate
- **Article 12** Looks at the UN Convention of Children's Rights
- **Take Care, Take Control** A 'looked after' young people's health film
- **Changes** Discusses what young people want in Newham
- **Citizens Now** Explores what the Liverpool Children's Bureau does
- **What We Think!** Young people and adults perspectives of young people
- **No Choice** Looks at the issues of living in care
- **School Exclusion** The story of a young woman who was excluded from school.
- **Choose The Right School** Looks at the transition from Primary to Secondary school.
- **I Believe I can Fly** Young people in care celebrating Black History Month
- **CLLP** Self definition and learning in the community
- **Think Twice** Sexual harassment at school.
- **Looked After?** Improving the care system
- **NDCF** changes in youth provision in Newham.
- **Youth News** Six short news programmes looking at local, national and global issues from street crime to smoking
- **Think Positive** Challenges the medias portrayal of 'looked after' young people
- **Our Today** Explores the lives of young Bengali and Somali women living in East London
- **Just Another Day** Explores the impact of domestic violence and child abuse
- **Whose London** Discusses the importance of young people having a political voice
- **Energy** Explores alternative energy sources

- **Stephanie's Story** Looks at why Stephanie excluded herself from mainstream school in order to give herself a better education
- **Children's Rights** The Government's record on children's rights ...children and young people tell it how it is
- **Blueprint project** What Looked After young people would like to see changed!
- **Inclusive Schools** Explores a programme run by Disability, Equality In Education
- **You're Not Alone** Explores mental health issues for looked after young people
- **Where is the Love?** Explores issues of domestic violence
- **Secondary Transfer** Looks at difficulties faced in the transition from primary to secondary school
- **Find Your Voice** Looks at democracy & what that means to young people

Mouth That Roars is about educating the general public and the media in what young people's lives are really about.

Selection of Previous Funders ...

Ashiana Project * **Barnardo's** * Black and Ethnic Community Care Forum * **Bracknell Social Services** * Brent Youth Action * **British Sports Trust** * CROA * **Central London Learning Partnership** * Charles Edward Brooke School * **Children's Fund** * The Children's Society – National Projects * **Connexions** * Corporation Of London Youth Service * **DKTV** * Discover * **EIL** * East England Arts * **Disability, Equality In Education** * The Electoral Commission * **Epping Youth Service** * First Key * **Forest Gate Community School** * Fulham Youth Service * **The Gap Inclusion Project** * Hackney Council * **Hackney Learning Trust** * Hackney Primary Care Trust * **Hammersmith Youth Service** * Haringey Council * **Haringey Social Services** * Hertfordshire Social Services * **La cost Services** * Lewisham Children's Rights * **Lewisham Social Services** * Millennium Festival Award * **NRF** * National Children's Bureau * **National Youth Agency** * Newham Asian Women's Project * **Newham Children's Rights** * Newham Social Services * **Newham Youth Parliament** * Nia Project (formerly Hackney Women's Aid) * **NSPCC** * On Track * **PAYP** * Prince's Trust Awards * **Rainer Project** * Save The Children * **Southern Housing Group** * Southwark Summer University * **Sure Start** * Tawakal – Somali Young Women's Group * **Thameside Health** * Thurrock Youth Service * **UNICEF** * VCC * **WEA** * Warrington Play Council * **Westminster Youth Service** * YMCA * **Young Voice** * Youth Action St Albans *

Mouth That Roars is about giving control.

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