

Studio Days Newsletter #2

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Studios

Bollo Brook Youth Centre

Based in South Acton, Bollo has had a studio for the last decade. Well known in the area and beyond, young people travel from across the borough to attend sessions.

Young Adult Centre

Although there has been a studio at YAC for a few years it is a new location for the Studio Days sessions. Based in Southall these sessions usually serve a more local group of young people.

We reflect on yet another busy year of the project

The second year of the project has certainly been an interesting one. An increased attendance has kept the sessions very in demand, with more new people joining the project all the time.

A big focus recently has been on live performance, with us hosting a number of events at Bollo, as well as organizing guest slots for the young people at more established events.

We've also reached out for guidance and advice from a range of music professionals. All who have visited us have been very impressed with the output of the studio. Youth Music have been integral with organizing this, more about those who visited later in this newsletter.



“I come to the studio to chase my dreams’

“I feel grateful for being able to use the studio, a place I can be myself”

“Coming to the studio motivates me to express myself”

MUSIC VIDEO PROJECT

In September last year we collaborated with filmmaker Joseph Gainsborough on a video making project. The idea behind the project was to approach music video production with a more creative outlook. We made four videos in total, with the plan to develop the project into a documentary about the youth centre, its studio and the local area.

One of the video made during the project was Josh & Haasan’s remix of ‘Chahun Mein Yana’, which can be viewed [here](#).



STRELZ – ANNA

We asked one of our longest attending young people, Strelly Lunda, to write and record a track about domestic abuse.

The resulting track, ‘Anna’, has since been performed at the Ealing Domestic Abuse Conference and there are plans to make a workshop based on the track, which can be used in school.



ACTON YOUTH ASSOCIATION TALENT SHOW

Last month we collaborated with AYA to host a Talent Show at Bollo Brook Youth Centre. It featured 20 acts, mostly consisting of young people who attend the centre's studio. It was a big success, with around 130 people attending.



GIVE A GIG FOR YOUTH MUSIC

The winners of the AYA Talent Show – Niisey, Yxng Jamz, Leyon & Tazz will be performing at the 'Give a gig for Youth Music' at the House of Vans. Other acts on the night are Frisco, Tiggs Da Author, ShaoDow and Nadia Rose

YOUTH EALING SAFE GUARDING PROJECT

At the start of this year we collaborated on a music and drama piece with Y.E.S. focusing on sexual assault, telling a story and showing both sides of the event.

The track was designed to be able to be played in school workshops or performed live at events.

VISITS FROM INDUSTRY PLAYERS

Through Youth Music we have had a number of people who work within the music business visit our studio.

These included:

Twin B - 1Xtra DJ and Atlantic Records A&R

Sam Eldbridge – Jess Glynn's Manager

ShaowDow – UK Rapper

Jamal Edwards – Founder of SB.TV

COLLABORATION WITH CONGO IN THE PICTURE

Following our joint 2015 album we've re-established links with the Democratic Republic of Congo youth group – Congo in the Picture. We've started making a new batch of tracks together, which should be finished later this year.