

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Our sessions with young people in our building in Woodside have now started again, and we would like to let you know about an exciting new opportunity for S1 pupils attending Lochside, Northfield and St Machar Academies taking place over the October school holidays.

This is a chance for young people to come along to shmu during the school October holidays to take part in media training sessions where they will learn skills in radio and film production. Many S1 pupils will already have experienced shmu through our Speak Out project in primary schools, but this opportunity is for all S1 attendees of Lochside, Northfield and St Machar Academies.

The safety of those attending sessions has been our focus, alongside the wellbeing of the young people that we support, and following national guidance, we have put in place a number of measures and procedures in order to keep your child safe from Covid-19 – including hand sanitiser throughout, Perspex screens, and wearing masks while moving around the building. All our activities are regularly risk-assessed, and the staff wear masks at all times.

All sessions are free to attend, lunch will be provided, and we can assist with travel to sessions if this is required. Sessions will take place at these times:

#### Timetable

Date	Time
Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> October	11am-3:30pm
Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> October	11am-3:30pm
Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> October	11am-3:30pm
Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> October	11am-3:30pm
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> October	11am-3:30pm

Each day will be film in the mornings (including camera skills, storyboarding and scripting) and radio in the afternoons (including scripting, recording and studio use) with time for icebreaker games and activities, and breaks for snack.

After these sessions, if participants are keen to continue their involvement at shmu then they will be able to join our Youth Media Project where they can become a member and attend regular weekly sessions in film, music, magazine/journalism and radio after the holiday period. This is available for all young people of academy age that live or attend the schools in the shmu target areas of Northfield, Cummings Park, Middlefield, Woodside, Tillydrone, Seaton and Torry. We receive funding to be able to offer these activities and ensure that they are offered free of charge to young people in these areas.

Covid-19 considerations mean we need to be aware of numbers attending before a session and these activities tend to be booked up quickly so please get in touch as soon as you can if you are interested and want to sign up.

**We can offer one session for each young person so please select your day of choice from the week, and to help us manage numbers and availability, please confirm your selected day by Saturday, October 10<sup>th</sup>**

Please contact us by emailing our Youth Development Worker at [lori.wilson@shmu.org.uk](mailto:lori.wilson@shmu.org.uk). We will happily answer any questions and we will provide you with a consent form before the first session which we ask you bring back filled in ahead of your first session.

Many thanks

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