

Educational Events @ The Garage

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Young People's Arts Award Launch, Eastern Region

2nd March 2006, The Garage, 15:45 – 17:30

Free Entry but places are limited.

RSVP by 16 February 2006 to info@thegarage.org.uk.

The first formally accredited award scheme to recognise the development of young artists and young arts leaders.

The Garage is proud to announce that it is the regional agency for Arts Award. It is the first scheme to recognise the development of young artists and young arts leaders. Delivered collaboratively between Arts Council England, Trinity Guildhall and Cannon, the Arts Award can be taken at Bronze, Silver & Gold levels.

The three levels of Arts Award are accredited by the Qualifications and Curriculum Authority within the national qualifications framework.

We will be holding our regional launch on 2nd March at 15:45 and invites have been sent to every school in the region. It will give organisations and individuals a chance to look at the Award and the opportunities that it offers. It is for anyone that is interested in using the award in their work, so please come along. If you are unable to attend please pass the invite on to someone in your organisation that would benefit from attending. The launch will also be an excellent opportunity to find out about our exciting and innovative regional plans such as:

- Networking activities for young people & advisors
- "Inspiration Gateway" – giving young artists the chance to exhibit, perform and celebrate their work in imaginative venues & spaces throughout the region
- "Bring Your Badge" Scheme – a chance for Arts Award participants to attend a variety of arts events free or at a reduced rate

More information about the award, including an opportunity to book onto a training day can be found on www.artsaward.org.uk.

Creative Careers Fair

The Garage, Sunday 5th March, 10am – 5pm

Free entry, just turn up!

Building on the success of a very popular creative and cultural careers fair last year at The Junction in Cambridge, The Arts Council are funding two arts fairs in 2006 aimed at 13 to 25 year olds, graduates, post-graduates and those interested in a career in the arts.

Sunday 5 March 2006 – The Garage, Norwich

Saturday 25 March 2006 – The Junction, Cambridge

There will be a selection of workshops, artist talks and demos during the day offering young people the chance to talk to industry professionals, and representatives from FE/HE. The route into arts careers can often be as creative as the job itself and the aim of this fair is to introduce young people to the possibilities and some real life 'journeys' that professionals have made into the arts and arts related careers.

Dancers, club promoters, script writers, theatre directors, PR people, graphic designers, film makers, actors, musicians, TV crew and performance technicians – these are just a few of the professionals you can talk to alongside regionally based colleges, universities and arts organisations. In Norwich, there will also be a chance to try your hand at presenting with Anglia TV, a blue screen and a well known presenter...

Come and browse a buzzing marketplace full of creatives - you'll be sure to make some fascinating discoveries.

Shell Connections
The Garage & Norwich Playhouse, 26th – 29th April
Performance times vary
Tickets £2

Shell Connections is a national project organized by the National Theatre in partnership with Shell UK and regional venues throughout the country. In the Eastern region The Garage and Norwich Playhouse are pleased to be showcasing the talent of the eastern region production companies.

The Connections team commission at least 10 new plays every year, penned by some of the hottest talent in world theatre. Eight brand new plays and two new musicals make up the Shell Connections 2006 portfolio. You may recognise writers such as Nicky Singer, nominated for the Book Trust Teenage award or Sharman Macdonald whose plays include 'After Juliet' and 'When I Was A Girl I Used to Scream' which won the Evening Standard most promising new play write award. The portfolio will definitely challenge the groups creativity and the stories are set to inspire the imagination in ways that only new writing can. In a jam packed four days of performances, 15 in all, you get the chance to see a broad range of work and even different approaches to the same play. An opportunity not to be missed!

School groups: One teacher goes free with every 10 students.

Please note: Tickets not be on sale until **20th February**,

Box Office: 01603 283382.

Full details of the plays, authors and performance times can be found on our website.

For more information regarding any of the events above, please check out our website or give us a call.