

BLAST YOUNG REPORTERS SCHEME 2006

We are currently recruiting for our Blast Young Reporter Scheme to work alongside our local BBC Where I Live websites and BBC Local Radio stations. We are looking for young people who are willing to take part in the scheme on a part-time basis between July and September 2006.

The young reporters will be responsible for creating a Blast section on the local website and provide weekly updates on the local arts scene; including music, drama, dance and visual art.

We are looking for reporters aged 18 - 19, who feel passionate about the arts; whether it's Hip Hop, Bhangra, Bollywood or Ballet. We're particularly keen to involve young people who wouldn't necessarily consider the BBC as an obvious career path.

This is a fantastic opportunity for the Young Reporter to learn more about the BBC, to share their passion with an audience and to expand upon their writing and reporting skills. Successful applicants will be given a 2-day-a-week unpaid work experience agreement which will run over eight weeks. The placement will include a weekend training course at the BBC's training centre in Bristol, and a mentor will be appointed to provide coaching and support.

I would be grateful if you could pass this information onto any young people you come into contact with that you think maybe interested in the scheme.

Application is via the BBC Blast website -

http://www.bbc.co.uk/blast/opportunities/young_reporters.shtml

This needs to be returned by Friday 12th May 2006. We will then shortlist and invite them to an informal assessment.

If you need any further information please give Oliver Benson a call on 0121 567 6798 or view Blast: <http://www.bbc.co.uk/blast>