

26 November 2009



Dear parents

I am writing to share with you a new program that Deaf Services Queensland has developed specifically for youth. This program is called 'Open Ears' and is for young people aged from 10 to 18 who use all types of deafness and communication methods. Recently we were successful in obtaining funding from Brisbane City Council to provide a program of activities/workshops for youth during the school holidays coming up in January 2010.

Working in partnership with Access Arts, Open Ears has developed "Express Yourself", which is an arts program for youth to express themselves through art and drama. Earlier this year in the Easter holidays we had another project called "Come and Try". This provided youth with the opportunity try sculpturing, visual arts, hip hop and photography. This was a successful project with Hip Hop being the most popular class and the participants requested we do it again for the next school holidays. In the September school holidays we hosted another successful program where Circus Skills, Hip Hop Dance and Drumming workshops were facilitated with the use of Brisbane City Council funding. We have organised the final program for 'Express Yourself' to happen in January 2010 in partnership with Access Arts. Please find enclosed a brochure about these events.

If your child would like to participate in any of the workshops in the January school holiday please fill out the registration form below and send it to me by 6 January 2010. Class sizes are limited to 12 participants to ensure maximum teaching and learning time for each participant.

These workshops are free and are organised so that deaf and hard of hearing youth have the opportunity to participate and experience fun things while learning some new skills. If the program is as successful as the "deaf ability day" program run in Melbourne in 2009, we hope to see and display Deaf artist's talent at various venues around Brisbane and Queensland.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me via email.

Kind regards

Andrew Green
Youth Development Officer
Deaf Services Queensland
Email: Andrew.Green@deafsq.org.au

Registration Details

RSVP by 6th January 2010

Cut and mail to
Deaf Service Queensland, Youth Development Officer, Express Yourself
PO Box 465 Moorooka 4105

Which Program? (you can do more than 1)

Visual Arts Screen-printing Photography

Transport

own arrangement child can meet you at SWARA

Child Name: _____ DOB: _____ Circle which: sign / oral (lip reading)

Please make note of any health, dietary or medical condition that we should be aware of?

Parent Name: _____ Contact No: _____ sms / phone

Home Address _____ Postal: _____

Email address: _____

- I give permission for my child to be photographed at the event and have any photo appear in DSQ media (facebook, website, newsletter)
 I do not give permission for my child to be photographed or appear in DSQ media

Deaf Services Queensland acknowledges and respects the privacy of individuals and will not give out this information to any third parties without your consent.