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Have you ever been to a music event, a festival, or seen a short film and wondered how cool it would be to work behind the scenes?

Well, if you're aged between 12 and 25 here's your chance.

The City of Stirling, in partnership with Community Arts Network, is offering a free mentorship program to teach leadership and project management skills to young people.

City of Stirling Mayor Giovanni Italiano said the City of Stirling valued the contributions of its young people in the community.

"To support their efforts, this project will provide opportunities for young people to build on existing skills and empower them to develop and introduce new initiatives that meet their needs," said Mr Italiano.

The program will be delivered by former West Australian Young Filmmaker of the Year and Skate Sculpture co-founder Mat de Koning. He has extensive experience in community arts and is keen to mentor the next generation of young community movers and shakers.

"This is an awesome opportunity for those who have an idea for a small scale community event, but don't know where to start to make it happen," said project coordinator Mat de Koning.

He says through a series of workshops, participants will develop skills in:

- Project coordination.
- Filmmaking and photography.
- Event and social media promotion.
- Team building and community empowerment.

All participants will be given the opportunity to develop their own project proposals, with a pool of \$5,000 funding available to turn the stronger ideas into reality.

If you would like to be a part of this unique mentoring experience and make a positive impact in your community make sure you register before 21 April 2017.

Successful applicants will be notified by the 26th of April.

The workshops will be held at the City of Stirling offices from 6 May.

To register your interest, send your name, age, school, suburb, phone and email address to: mat@canwa.com.au or contact 0412 696 467.



Photo courtesy of Skate Sculpture.

About Community Arts Network (CAN)

CAN's vision is for a just, diverse and resilient society fueled by imagination and creativity.

We exist to produce inspiring art with all communities; to build connections and broker opportunities for artists and to build capacity within the community arts sector.

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