

Filmmaker, designer Mat de Koning helping Stirling youth Dream, Do, Deliver

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Mat de Koning at Morley Skate Park. Picture: Bruce Hunt d468200



YOUNG people in the City of Stirling could see their pipe dreams become reality with upcoming youth program Dream, Do, Deliver.

WA Young Filmmaker of the Year 2011 and public spaces designer Mat de Koning will facilitate the mentorship program for 12-25 year olds.

Off the back of making his debut feature-length documentary *Meal Tickets* in Los Angeles, the Maylands-based talent said he was excited to deliver the program to City of Stirling youth.

"This is open for possibilities, it is a blank canvas because we want to see what ideas young people have," Mr de Koning said.

"It is about young people coming with their ideas and learning how to implement them, whether that is a film, sporting or arts event.

"I want to hear from those who will expand their network with other young people who want to make a positive difference with the City of Stirling."

Having helped design one of Australia's best skate parks, Mr de Koning said he had already heard from those who wanted to see youth facilities improved.

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"I'd like to see people come forward, campaign and show a vision for what kind of facilities they want to see here permanently.

"I hope this will be a catalyst for the City of Stirling to create the lead on initiatives for youth."

Mr de Koning runs Skate Sculpture, a skateboarding design and construction company that worked on concept designs for the upcoming Balga Princess Wallington Youth Plaza.

Stirling Mayor Giovanni Italiano said the City 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," he said.

To register your interest, send your details to mat@canwa.com.au or call 0412 696 467 before May 4.



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