

STOP PRESS

Currently steps are being made to explore interest in developing a **newspaper run by young people** that will be distributed to residents within the **Kalamunda Shire**. This follows similar initiatives by the Bendigo Bank's Lead-on program. Over the past four years, the Lead-on paper, '**The Loop**' has engaged over 400 young people in all aspects of running a newspaper, 15 of these young people have gone on to receive cadetships with other newspapers.

Such an initiative will provide Kalamunda young people with a fantastic opportunity to develop a variety of skills and become actively involved in their community.

A Steering committee will be formed in May to drive the initiative. More information will be available as it comes to hand. It would be great to have any interested people – young and not as young(!) – involved. If you have any queries please don't hesitate to contact Lyndsey.

IDENTIFYING WHAT TEACHERS NEED

There is an ruMAD? Toolkit available that can be sent to you via e-mail by contacting lj@bankofideas.com.au -We are currently developing a variety of resources to assist teachers in the planning, implementing and evaluation of the project. We are keen to identify other resources teachers may require- please feedback any ideas or suggestions

Is your school or organization interested in being involved in the r.u.MAD? Project?

Even if you are not ready to start the planning process for a MAD event please let us know ASAP if you are planning to become involved in the Kalamunda Shire MAD Day so we can pass on school numbers to the Education Foundation and allocate our resources!

Register your interest by e-mailing: lj@bankofideas.com.au or phoning **0400 329 894** or **6291 1848** and speaking to **Lyndsey**

If you would like Lyndsey to address your students or school meeting about the ruMAD? project please do not hesitate to contact us

Resource Toolbox

The ruMAD? project is about taking the extra step in not only encouraging young people to make a difference through projects, but educating young people to consider and understand the 'bigger' picture that underlies societal issues. By encouraging young people to understand and consider causes, consequences and solutions to social, environmental and other issues within society, they are better equip to make value judgments on issues. There are a multitude of resources and organisations for teachers and students to tap in to on any issue that arises as significant to young people. Many organisations are willing and able to assist with resources, knowledge and advice.

The Zig-Zag Community Arts Group. Based in Kalamunda this team of committed and passionate artists are available to assist young people with a variety of art projects, from painting, to theatre and music. Contact Lyndsey for details or phone the group directly on **9293 1251**.

Millennium Kids is a Perth based environmental organisation developed and run by young people -an amazing organisation that develops leadership and project skills in young people. If your students are interested in any environmental projects this is THE organisation to contact!
<http://www.millenniumkids.com.au/>

An offshoot of World Vision, Stir is designed for Australian young people, it contains news, information and discussion on social injustice issues- there is a great art component Art 4 Aid - closing date for Art 4 Aid is July 1 -
<http://stir.org.au/stir/>

Youth2youth is an amazing organisation run by Australian young people. They produce one of the best newsletters available. Their newsletters are for young people and contain a wealth of resources, with a focus on business and social enterprise. They also have another fantastic newsletter 'Frank' which is an inspiring newsletter for young women. Pass it on to your students.
<http://www.youth2youth.com.au/>

The Make Poverty History site contains resources for teachers and information regarding global poverty. The site also contains lesson plans for a variety of related issues (British curriculum based).
<http://www.makepovertyhistory.com.au/education.html>

Do you have a resource for the toolbox? Is there a topic you'd like resources for? We'd love to hear from you!