

The Experience of a Young Producer

Programme:

Blaze

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North West

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Blaze is an ambitious youth-led culture and sport programme for Lancashire, Blackpool and the Fylde Coast, part of WE PLAY, a Legacy Trust UK funded initiative. Liam Roseden is one of many participants who have been involved in Blaze projects.

Liam is a member of the Fuse Youth Theatre Group in Nelson, Lancashire where he takes part in youth theatre and assists with sessions for younger children. In his spare time, Liam writes stories and scripts and has an interest in working in the creative arts. He’s just started studying for his GCSEs, and eventually wants to be the first member of his family to go to university.

In summer 2010 Liam took part in The Big Game. This project saw Fuse work with artist Tom Russotti, who came over from New York as an artist in residence, supporting the group to develop a sports day themed piece of interactive performance.

Members of the group were involved as ‘young producers’, interviewing and selecting the artist via a Skype video link, devising the piece, creating characters and costumes, and making decisions about venues, marketing and planning.

Liam has also worked with Blaze as an ambassador, speaking about The Big Game at the Blaze launch event and representing Blaze at other events. Liam feels that Blaze is improving his understanding of careers and helping to develop the skills he will need in the future: “It’s giving us opportunities already – we had the interviewing, talking with the artists we were going to work with, discussing what we were going to do. So it has actually trained us for the business world out there already, because that’s what artists have to do every day.” Liam will continue working with Blaze between now and 2012.