



Arts program for youth will develop leadership

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EMC news - Thanks to a \$199,000 grant from Ontario Trillium Foundation to the arts organization MASC, artistic programs will be more accessible to street-involved and homeless youth in Ottawa for the next three years.

Leadership through the Arts is a new project led by MASC in partnership with the Youth Services Bureau of Ottawa (YSB) and the Toronto-based arts group SKETCH, which creates art-making opportunities for young people living on the streets.

"This program engages youth who have many risk factors and offers much needed support," said Joanne Lowe, executive director of the Youth Services Bureau. "The arts allow young people to express their stories, build on their strengths and develop self-esteem."

Leadership through the Arts will offer workshops for YSB clients in art forms like slam poetry, drumming, improvisation and visual arts. Under the new grant, the program will go a step further by training youth leaders to organize and promote arts activities to their peers.

"The Leadership through the Arts program will be of enormous benefit to youth-at-risk in our community," said Yasir Naqvi, MPP of Ottawa Centre.

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