



# :THEBOX

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# C:TheBox

## Media Offer for Young People in Darlington

Media sessions and projects at the C:TheBox Media hub aim to create opportunities for young people to achieve skills, confidence and accreditation through the use of digital media tools and by participating in a wide variety of media projects such as animation and film production.

C:TheBox offer's a range of services, projects, training opportunities and accredited courses that enable young people to voice their views and opinions on the things that matter to them in a creative and productive manner.

### C:TheBox Facilities include

- Lounge area for young people to chill out in and get their creative idea's flowing with a tea or coffee!
- iMac's with the latest software for editing films, photos and animations, creating music, editing websites, comic book creation or surfing the internet!
- Fully Equipped TV Studio with the Chroma Key green screen technology!
- So one minute you can be in the Sky New's room and the next you could be walking on the moon!
- Portable equipment such as hand held video recorders, camera's and voice recorders to make outside recordings possible!
- A friendly team of youth workers and volunteers on hand to assist young people who access the facility and offer training in using all of the equipment and software!

## C:TheBox Timetabled Projects/Sessions

C:TheBox offers an established timetable of sessions and projects that run throughout the week offering opportunities for young people to participate in positive media based activities.

Young people have a big say in how our sessions are run and delivered and they are at the heart of everything we offer at C:TheBox, ensuring that all of our projects and sessions meet the needs and interests of the young people who access them.



Getting involved in projects and sessions at C:TheBox is easy, just call into C:TheBox and have a chat with one of our friendly staff.

Alternatively get in touch via email [click@darlington.gov.uk](mailto:click@darlington.gov.uk) or give us a call on 07903825549 and find out what's on and how you can get involved.

The C:TheBox facility and projects are also open to partners and services that work with young people and they can get involved too.....

We will even work with you to plan and design projects and sessions to meet the needs of the young people you work with.

Read on and find out more about some of the projects and sessions that we currently offer, as well as some of the plans and opportunities we have for young people in the future.

# Gamerholics and Gamerholics TV



Gamerholics is a video gaming session for young people aged 11 - 19 years of age and targeted towards young people with disabilities and young people in need of extra help and support.

Sessions provide great opportunities for young people to develop relationship building skills, social interaction skills and interact with others in a positive manner.

Young people who attend Gamerholics can also develop a variety of media based skills by participating in the planning, development, filming and the production of Gamerholics TV.

Featuring all the latest news, views and reviews from the world of video games, Gamerholics TV helps young people to develop confidence and self-esteem as well as developing a range of skills needed to make a TV Show such as researching, script writing and presenting skills.

Gamerholics and Gamerholics TV run every Tuesday 7:30pm - 9:30pm at C:TheBox.

To watch an episode of Gamerholics TV log on to the rE-view section on the Northern Echo's Website <http://www.Cthebox.co.uk>

or find us on YouTube at <http://www.youtube.com/user/CTheBox>



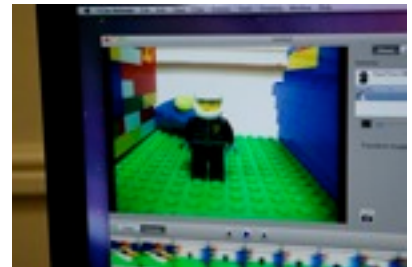
## Animation Project



After a successful pilot project that ran during the Summer of 2011, C:TheBox now offer a weekly animation project for young people aged 11-19 years of age running every Wednesday evening from 4:30 - 6:30. During the sessions young people can learn and develop all the skills and techniques needed to help them create their very own stop go animated films.

Additional animation sessions are also available for specialist services, partners and 11- 19 Area Teams who work with targeted individuals and groups of young people in need of extra support.

Staff from C:TheBox have in the past and will continue to deliver animation workshops in local schools working with vulnerable groups of children and young people.



## Music Box Project



Music Box is a young person led project that showcases music and art that's being produced by local young people. Young people involved in the project invite local musicians and artists to the C:TheBox Studio to showcase their talents and produce short films that are uploaded to the Northern Echo. The overall aim of the

project is to produce an online local music directory for Darlington showcasing young people in a positive light. As well as filming and interviewing bands and artists in the studio the group also film a number of live music events at various venues across Darlington including the Newblood Live music events at the Forum Music Centre.



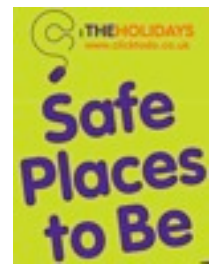
## Exposure



The Exposure news project runs on a Monday evening 5pm - 7pm and is made up of young people who attended a work experience program at C:TheBox during Feb 2011. The group enjoyed their time so much that they asked if they could start up a project of their very own. The Exposure group cover some of the more

lighthearted news stories from around the world from the perspective of young people and inject them with their own brand of comedy.

Exposure have however also covered a number of serious topics as well such as anti-bullying campaigns, teen health issues and teenage pregnancy. As well as reporting on these type of issues the group have also produced a number of short films for other C:TheBox partners such as a promotional video for the anti-bullying, Safe Places To Be campaign and an Information video for Darlington's Children's and Young People's Plan.



## Specialist and Issue Based Projects



C:TheBox are also running a number of projects targeted towards particular members of the community such as the Out of The Box project. This project is targeted towards young people from the LGBT community and the group have produced a number of short films that raise awareness round the

issue of Homophobic bullying. These films were used by a number of C:TheBox partners and agencies during Anti-Bullying Week Nov 2011 in schools and youth projects across Darlington.

The C:TheBox team also work with a number of partner agencies running projects and sessions for young people with disabilities. These include video gaming sessions for the Dash play schemes that run during holiday periods.

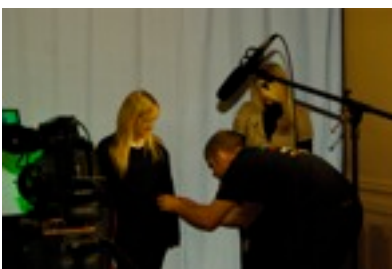
Staff at C:TheBox will continue to target young people, partners and specialist services and agencies that work with young people, to develop media based opportunities to enable minority/specialist groups to voice their views and opinions in a positive manner. Raising public awareness about the many issues they face today.

## C:TheBox Targeted Offer

Our targeted media offer will create opportunities for those children and young people most in need of extra support. To enable them to develop new and existing skills, confidence and accreditation through their participation in media based projects, sessions and accredited and non-accredited training courses. We will continue to work with and support partners, specialist teams and agencies who work with some of Darlington's most vulnerable children and young people to develop projects and opportunities for those young people to have access to the facilities at C:TheBox and to develop their skills and help to meet their needs.



## C:TheBox School Offer



The media school offer for all secondary schools in Darlington will work in conjunction with Teams around the School and offer positive opportunities for pupils in need of extra support. The media projects that we run offer perfect opportunities for pupils to gain accredited outcomes and develop skills not only in media but also help pupils to develop communication skills, confidence building and provide opportunities to participate in positive activities that they can build upon. Over 2012 the C:TheBox staff team will continue to develop links within the schools in Darlington to promote opportunities of support for their pupils and develop sessions for pupils within the school setting and within the C:TheBox facility.

## C:TheBox Work Experience

In 2012 we will look to build upon a successful work experience pilot scheme that we ran in early 2011 and offer schools, colleges and young people a work an intensive work experience opportunity to develop media skills at the C:TheBox facility and within the Echo. Young people who take part in the scheme will be able to work alongside C:TheBox Staff and help to develop projects and sessions for other young people. As well as plan and design their very own projects that they will complete during their time with us.

## Event Filming and Income Generation Projects



Throughout 2011 we have seen an increase in the number of partners and services asking for our help in producing short films. These films showcase and promote events and work that these partner /services run, such as the Best of Darlington Awards and the Darlington Dance Festival.

Our aim over 2012 and beyond is to continue working with current and new partners/services to produce such promotional films. This type of work will now form the basis of income generation for C:TheBox to help C:TheBox become self sustainable and partners/services will have to pay a small fee to cover staff time, consumables used and a small fee that will go towards project development within C:Thebox for young people.



# Maintain and Develop Links with the Northern Echo



The success of many aspects of the work that we do is due to the strong relationship we have built up with Northern Echo. The partnership we have with the Echo and their hosting of our C:TheBox website adds a strong credibility to the work that young people have produced and we will continue to work in partnership to develop more positive opportunities for young people in Darlington.

Through working closely with the Echo, the C:TheBox facility situated within the Northern Echo Offices we aim to develop the facility further to provide a Media Hub for young people in Darlington that provides them with positive opportunities to build their skills and to promote the image of young people in a positive light.





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...is a media hub for young people aged 11-19

**Championing the positive image of young people!**


### **What you can do...**


- Photography • Film • Editing • Music Production •
- Animation • Gaming • Pod-casting • Scripting •
- Comic Book Design •

A creative environment for young people to express their views & ideas!

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