

## **About Find Your Talent**

Find Your Talent gives children and young people the chance to try out different cultural and creative activities.

It's about helping them to discover new things, to express themselves, to develop a passion and to make the most of their talent. Whether it is music, art, film, theatre, dance, digital media, exploring libraries, museums or heritage, Find Your Talent is for every child and young person, whatever their age and whatever their ability.

Find Your Talent is being piloted in ten pathfinder areas across England and offers children and young people regular involvement with arts and culture both in and out of school. Find Your Talent is funded by the Department for Culture, Media and Sport, the Department for Children, Schools and Families, Arts Council England and the Museums, Libraries and Archives Council.

The areas - chosen from 141 that applied - are building on existing investment and opportunities currently taking place in their area, as well as developing new projects.

### **Find your Talent will include giving young people the chance to:**

- perform on stage and attend top quality performances, exhibitions at museums and galleries, and heritage sites
- get hands-on experience of the creative industries including film making, radio and TV
- learn a musical instrument, and take part in a musical performance in front of an audience
- produce creative writing and appreciate authors and how they work
- learn about - and practise – new media and digital art
- develop art and craft skills.

The desire to provide this level of cultural opportunity is driven by the desire to see all young people develop their talents to the full.

Visit [www.findyourtalent.org](http://www.findyourtalent.org) for more information

## Cultural Offer for young people – beyond the Find Your Talent pathfinders

Over the past 15 months, the Find Your Talent Regional Development Group (RDG) in the West Midlands has been supporting the Telford and Wrekin FYT pathfinder. The RDG are now beginning to work beyond the pathfinder area to explore ways in which partners can work together more effectively to deliver a comprehensive cultural offer for young people in the West Midlands.

Initially, this will include:

- collating and disseminating good practice from around the region and beyond
- facilitating partnership across the cultural and learning sectors.

I am interested to learn whether the WM Regional Archives Forum and its members:

- are currently working towards the cultural offer, outside FYT funding
- have any specific examples of good practice
- have any specific partnership working requirements

The West Midlands Regional Development Group currently comprises representatives from:

Advantage West Midlands  
Arts and Business  
Arts Council England  
Creative Partnerships  
Government Office for the West Midlands  
Higher Education  
Museums Libraries and Archives  
Renaissance in the Regions  
Screen West Midlands  
Specialist Schools and Academies Trust  
Telford and Wrekin Find Your Talent Pathfinder

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