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FERNTREE GULLY YOUTH ART FESTIVAL

Local youth will have the opportunity to join in National Youth Week celebrations on Saturday April 17th 2010 at the Ferntree Gully Youth Art Festival.

Interchange Outer East has joined with Halcyon, Yooralla-First Base, Knoxbrooke, Knox City Council and the Local Traders Association to organise the Festival.

There will be art displays throughout the Ferntree Gully Village and local artists will lead workshops at the Interchange premises, 115 Station Street and at Yooralla the corner of Station Street and The Avenue from 12:30pm-3:30pm.

Interchange Outer East, Balance Coordinator, Marcelo Calderon said "The festival is based in Station Street and we will be showcasing the talents of the young people in our community with displays and we are inviting youth to join in the workshops."

"We are excited to celebrate local youth and provide them with opportunities to get involved with their community. It should be a good day and, depending on its success, we are hoping it may become an annual event."

The theme of this year's National Youth Week is 'Live it Now' and celebrates young people for the positive contribution they make to their communities.

This event is supported by the Victorian Government, The Australian Government and *beyondblue: the national depression initiative*. (www.youthbeyondblue.com) *beyondblue* has teamed up with NYW organisers across Australia to raise awareness of depression, anxiety and related drug and alcohol problems among young people.

Ferntree Gully Youth Art Festival, Saturday April 17th 2010, 12noon to 4pm.
Displays through Station Street Ferntree Gully. Work shops at Interchange 115 Station street and the corner of Station Street and The Avenue from 12:30pm-3:30pm.

For more information check out www.ioe.org.au or the Youth Week websites: www.youthcentral.vic.gov.au, www.youthweek.com and www.youthbeyondblue.com

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