



MOUTH THAT ROARS
SUMMER 2025



CULTURAL LEARNING THROUGH FILM AND MEDIA ARTS

We're passionate about empowering young people by expanding their access to arts, culture, and film. Our summer programme aims to ignite imagination through hands-on, informal learning and rich cultural exchange, while cultivating critical thinking skills that enable young people to confidently express ideas through filmmaking and media arts.

 **YOUNG ONES FILM CHALLENGE: LIGHTS, CAMERA ... SUMMER!**

This year's summer programme got rolling with a filmmaking challenge for young people aged 10–12, hosted at MTR Studio. Over three days, participants explored every aspect of the filmmaking process - from story development to post-production - while immersing themselves in global food cultures and engaging in creative discussions.

Day One: Making Connections and Laying Foundations


- Participants began by interviewing each other using MTR's camera and sound equipment, building both technical confidence and new friendships.
- They learned how to develop a script and plan a short film collaboratively.
- Over lunch, they sampled Vegan Ethiopian cuisine and watched a film about traditional Ethiopian food, sparking conversation about culture and identity.

Day Two: Shaping Ideas and Testing Roles

- The group explored film concepts and voted to create a short film titled *Dealing with Change* - a theme they all connected with.
- Lunch featured vibrant Vegan Vietnamese dishes, accompanied by discussion on Vietnam's traditions and cultural history.
- Young filmmakers rotated through key production roles - directing, acting, and producing - to develop skills and understanding of each discipline.
- The day ended in celebration, as participants watched the Lionesses triumph in the UEFA Women's Euro Final 2025 - a moment of collective excitement and pride.

Day Three: Final Edits and Celebratory Screening

- Young filmmakers reviewed their footage, learning how to refine and edit their story using video editing tools.
- A lunch of Colombian pastries and Vegan sushi sparked conversation around food and heritage. The group explored Colombia's colonial history and screened the powerful animation *Migration*, prompting thoughtful reflection.
- The challenge concluded with a screening of their completed film for family members at MTR Studio. Each participant received an MTR Filmmaker's Award in recognition of their creativity, commitment, and teamwork.

 A huge well done to everyone involved - an inspiring start to our summer programme! For more fantastic filmmaking, media arts, and cultural adventures this summer follow:

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YOUNG ONES FILM CHALLENGE FEEDBACK

"WHAT DID YOU ENJOY?"



"... finding out about people I didn't know and trying new food."



"... acting and learning about the countries and the food."



"... learning about camera and doing it for the first time."



"... being a leader whilst directing."



"... doing the editing and learning about set and equipment, I haven't done it before."



"... planning the film was good and doing the slides – what to do dealing with different changes."



"... filming the interviews and getting interviewed."



"... learning about colonisation and how lots of countries were colonised."



"... I liked directing, leading the group, trying all the different foods, learning about them and their countries of origin."

"... how we got to come up with the film together. Everyone gets their ideas heard."