

KIN – A CREATIVE ARTS PROJECT BY AND FOR YOUNG PEOPLE WHO HAVE EXPERIENCED THE IMPRISONMENT OF A FAMILY MEMBER

CALL FOR PARTICIPANTS

KIN is a creative arts project for young people who have experienced the imprisonment of a family member and who are interested in sharing their experiences in order to make a difference for themselves and others.

A partnership project between Vox Liminis and Families Outside, KIN is the first step in opening up the conversation in Scotland around what young people need when a member of their family is imprisoned. 27,000 young people experience the imprisonment of a family member each year in Scotland. Ideas and perspectives from young people themselves are critical in ensuring the right support is available at the right times.

KIN will be creative, thoughtful and interesting, and will put young people in the driving seat: making their voices heard through art that will speak to other young people living through similar circumstances, and to the decision-making adults and services that are involved in their lives at these times.

We are looking for 10 young people aged 14 to 25 who have been affected by the imprisonment of a family member to become KIN participants, a core group that will be responsible for shaping the project. The group will collaborate closely with artists to design and develop important resources for young people affected by imprisonment.

KIN is a project for young people who can work together as a group, are ready to share their experiences and can work together to identify and communicate the changes that need to be made for young people in Scotland.

Together KIN participants will create new art and resources that will highlight young people's thoughts, ideas and experiences. We are looking for young people who:

- Can be active participants in a core team of young people, who are able to collaborate in deciding and designing the direction of the project with other young people, artists, facilitators and designers – including what information should be included in resources for other young people.
- Are interested and ready to use their experiences of family imprisonment to create art of all kinds; such as music, writing, spoken word, film, dance, animation or any other artform chosen by the young people.
- Are open to trying new things - as a group - with artists, in order to create thought-provoking and informative art that can communicate their experiences in a powerful way to both other young people and those in organisations who need to hear from them in their own voices.
- Are excited by an opportunity to learn new skills and to develop existing skills and talents.
- Are happy to commit their time and energy to 4 day-long sessions and 3 or 4, 2-day residencies with overnight stay during July 2015 and October 2016, and to work on the project between residencies.

- Are excited by a great opportunity to meet new people, try new things, see things from a new perspective and to be instrumental in shaping a project of importance to young people across Scotland.

All participant costs to being involved (e.g. travel etc.) are covered by the project; the project is free to those taking part.

We are trying to reach young people across Scotland who can contribute to the project, and would be delighted if you can share this information and the young person's leaflet among colleagues and networks.

If you know a young person who could contribute to the project, or are helping a young person to apply, please ask them to get in touch and answer the question below in 300 words:

'I am interested in taking part in KIN because.....'

Answers can be written, filmed or sound recorded. Please send to claire@voxliminis.co.uk .

Please return by Monday 8th June.

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