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## Huon Valley Council receives grant for youth project

The Huon Valley Council will establish a three year outreach project for young people in the Huon Valley.

The \$209,000 grant will allow the Council to establish a 'Mobile Youth Space' and start creative and engaging youth arts and cultural development projects for residents aged 12 to 17 years.

Huon Valley Council Mayor Peter Coad says the project is another part of the suite of services that Council delivers to the local community.

Huon Valley Councillor Lydia Eastley, is responsible for the Youth Services Portfolio.

"The Mobile Youth Space will provide practical applications of health promotion strategies using digital media arts to engage young people.

"The project will work with young people and the broader community to create and deliver short films that highlight health issues young people face.

"The project aims to provide young people a 'voice' in the community on issues that impact on them. The Mobile Youth Space will allow young people to explore and present these issues through the medium of short film," Councillor Eastley said.

The use of digital media to help express and draw out issues that young people face, is a direct response to the fact that they are native digital users, and are already engaging in digital media on a daily basis.

"This is their medium, so it makes sense to connect in a way that is meaningful to them," Councillor Eastley said.

The Huon Valley Council is very appreciative of funding received from the Tasmanian Community Fund to establish the Mobile Youth Space.

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