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**Thelma Hulbert Gallery**

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YOUNG PEOPLE INVITED TO HAVE A SAY IN GALLERY'S FUTURE

# East Devon Gallery receives prestigious grant for youth work

HONITON'S Thelma Hulbert Gallery has received a £2,500 grant from **engage**\* that will give young people the opportunity to play a vital role in the future of the gallery.

On Thursday 28 June, at 4 pm, a meeting will take place at the gallery to kick start this exciting new project.

Angela Blackwell, Curator of the Thelma Hulbert Gallery, explains: "We are looking for young people aged 14 – 21, from Honiton and the surrounding area, to let us know what they think of the Gallery and how we could improve what the gallery has to offer for them. It doesn't matter if they have visited the Gallery before or not. We are very grateful to **engage** who, through their **envision** programme, have made funds available to support galleries like ourselves to develop innovative ways of working together with young people.

"We want to find out what young people would like to see at the gallery? Suggestions might include showing their own work in an exhibition; choosing the artists we select; helping set up exhibitions; producing their own marketing... it really is up to them which is why we hope as many of them as possible will come along on the 28th.

“The Thelma Hulbert Gallery is a valuable community resource and yet it is young people we find the hardest to attract. It would be great to find out why and change this.”

The Gallery is also working with the Ivy Project (an Exeter-based charity which offers young people the opportunity to develop themselves and their communities through volunteering). With the help of the Ivy Project and the support from **envision**, Angela Blackwell and her team hope that more young people will become actively involved with their work.

## **Ends**

\***engage** promotes access to, and enjoyment and understanding of, the visual arts through 'gallery education'. Through its **envision** programme, which is supported by the National Lottery, the Calouste Gulbenkian Foundation and the Department of Communities and Local Government, it is helping galleries develop innovative ways of working with young people to increase their understanding and enjoyment of the visual arts and galleries.

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