



*The catalyst in developing creative, open-minded young
Western Australians who are engaged with the world*

A creative HOME GROUND in Mullewa

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AWESOME's Creative Challenge kicked off in Mullewa yesterday with a contemporary art project called "*HOME GROUND*". Over the next two weeks, the bright young things of Our Lady of Mount Carmel School will be challenged and inspired to create artworks that explore their idea of 'home'.

AWESOME artists-in-residence Roly Skender, a multi media artist and Amber Onat Gregory, a performance and theatre artist, will be running workshops with Mullewa's budding young artists to discover the kinds of dwellings and houses people live in throughout the world, and create an artwork that reflects their home and community.

"The *HOME GROUND* concept is both specific and broad, leaving plenty of room for creative interpretation," said Mr Skender.

"You never know what might happen and I'm sure the residency in Mullewa will be a learning experience as much for us as artists as it will be for the kids," he said.

The artworks created will be unveiled at a community celebration in Mullewa at the end of the fortnight, where teachers, parents and community members will be invited to enjoy the home-inspired creations.

The artworks created will then be showcased in an exhibition at the 2010 *AWESOME International Arts Festival for Bright Young Things* held in the Perth CBD this November.

Creative Challenge is AWESOME's year-round regional program that visits ten regional and remote communities in Western Australia, with two artists-in-residence sharing their skills over a two-week period. *HOME GROUND* is lead by Lead Artist Louise Snook and a team of twenty artists from all over Australia, including performers, filmmakers, new media artists, dancers, sound artists, photographers and visual artists.

Louise's "*HOME GROUND*" concept was inspired by a research trip to Mongolia where she lived in a nomadic felted yurt and wanted to offer the young people of Western Australia the opportunity to think about their own home, their community and different homes around the world.

"The young people and artists will embark on a creative adventure together, where they explore ideas of home, their dream home, the environment and how a home can reflect the people who live there," said Ms Snook.

AWESOME's programs and events inspire and encourage creativity amongst young people throughout Western Australia.

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Roly Skender is an audiovisual producer and musician who enjoys the variety and challenges of working in multiple arts practices, from video art and photography to song writing and composition. His audiovisual skills are regularly called on for use in theatre, television and live events. For the past 8 years he has run song writing and recording workshops in schools for the WA Music Industry Association and also works regularly with adolescents for the Starlight Foundation at Princess Margaret Hospital.



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