

## **PRESS RELEASE**

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### **Summer fun with a media twist**

Are you a news hound or budding photographer? Want to know what it's like being a journalist or the paparazzi – chasing stories, interviewing real people and getting your work published?

20 young people from across Herefordshire aged between 13 and 25 are going to be given the opportunity to do just that during two fun packed media workshops being run by The Rural Media Company during the summer holidays.

#### Stop Press workshops

During this two day workshop you will work with professional journalists, research your own story ideas, conduct interviews, write copy, hit the deadline and experience life at the buzzing Rural Media Press Office in Hereford. The Stop Press workshop will take place on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> and Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> of August 2006 and there are ten places available for each workshop.

#### Foto Fest workshop

Learn the tricks of the trade and become the InSITE paparazzi producing your very own magazine style photo stories live from our Press Office. Working with a professional photographer you will follow a brief and learn the very latest digital photography and photo editing techniques to enable you to produce stunning images during this two day Foto Fest. This workshop will take place on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> of August 2006 with ten places also available.

You will also get the chance to see your final work published in the only youth e-magazine in the county. With an exciting mix of news, features, opinions, real life stories and reviews InSITE e-magazine [www.insitemag.net](http://www.insitemag.net) gives young people in Herefordshire the opportunity to have their say about issues that affect them.

For more information or to book a place please contact Kate Williams, Abby Whyte or Chris Preece on 01432 344 039 or email [katew@ruralmedia.co.uk](mailto:katew@ruralmedia.co.uk)

## **Release ends**

### **Note to Editors**

- InSITE provides a platform for the views and opinions of Herefordshire's young people. It is an opportunity for the youth community to explore local, national and global issues, participate in debate and influence decision making.
- InSITE is a Youth Times project by The Rural Media Company. Youth Times is a training, publishing and local democracy initiative. Youth Times receives support from The Rank Foundation, Comic Relief and the Big Lottery Young People's Fund.
- The Rural Media Company works throughout the UK. We combine community and informal education, training and advocacy with the professional skills of the media industry. The results are effective, high-impact, high-quality media projects and educational materials at the cutting edge of current policy and debate. The Rural Media Company is a registered charity and company limited by guarantee

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