

Rocking the Boat – Boat Building Project. Recruitment of young participants

6-10 young people (aged 16-24) to participate in a 6-week boat building programme

Young people will work with older people to build boats, offering both age groups the opportunity to share skills and knowledge as well as break down social barriers. They will be supported with

- A professional boat builder
- Support from MFMC staff / All Aboard staff / Rocking the Boat staff
- The boat yard workspace
- Transport to and from the venue
- Additional half day activities to enrich their understanding of maritime industries and water sports

Dates 2018

1. Every Thursday from 14th June – 19th July
2. Every Thursday from 6th Sept – 13th Oct
3. Every Thursday from 8th Nov -13th Dec

Dates for 2019 – Thursdays TBC

1. Jan -Feb
2. March – April
3. May – June
4. July – Aug
5. Sep – Oct
6. Nov – Dec

Dates for 2020 – Thursdays TBC

1. Jan Feb

Overview

Participants are encouraged to use the experience for their own development. As much as it is about building a successful small boat it is also about personal development and exploring ways to a successful and happy future. Each day will be made up of a half day building the boat and a half day of learning experiences with input from industry and the waterside businesses around the Floating Harbour. The boats will be enjoyed by the makers for a short period before being sold to maintain the project.

Safety

The project will complete risk assessments to ensure the physical and emotional safety of all involved. This will ensure appropriate levels of supervision for all taking part and where necessary additional DBS checks where participants of below school leaving age are working with older people.

Promotion

The first cohort of boat builders are invited to display their boats at the Bristol Harbour festival on 21st and 22nd July. We anticipate having films and stories from this group which will be used to promote and grow the project year on year. This may be presented to some participants by their college/ school as a brief that will help towards their post 16 qualifications.

Timescale

The project currently has Funding until February 2020.

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