

Become part of an extraordinary story

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it!

Have you heard about Stranger-Festival? Many young people all over Europe already have. The StrangerFestival is about self-expression, about intercultural dialogue, about video. And it's all happening in Amsterdam. Click it into your calendar: July 3-5, 2008.

You see, StrangerFestival is a unique and truly European opportunity that allows young people up to the age of 25 to visually express themselves through video. And by doing so they document their lives and show others what they are all about.

StrangerFestival stands for voicing your opinion and sharing it with others. The participants connect with like-minded people from different countries and cultures. StrangerFestival ranges from the small stuff that happens in your own direct surroundings to big, global issues.

StrangerFestival turns expertise on its head. It makes video personal. It gives a view of the world through the eyes of young video makers. It brings creative young minds together with museums, NGOs and broadcasters across Europe and beyond. With this mix of people, the festival promises to take many surprising and exciting directions!

And as you are reading these words, it's all starting right here, right now.

Countdown to StrangerFestival

StrangerFestival is much more than just a video festival. During forty video workshops in more than twenty European countries, hundreds of young people will get the chance to take part - even if they don't own a camera. Workshops will be led by experienced artists. The young participants are encouraged to explore their own identities. There'll also be over sixty different Stranger youth debates, across fifteen European countries, where hundreds of young people will share their views and experiences.

Video competition online

Leading up to the festival, young filmmakers will be submitting short videos to the competition online. The creators of the most appreciated videos will be invited to the festival in July. The competition is boosted by MTV Netherlands and a network of European broadcasters.

The strangerfestival.com website connects everybody who is participating or interested in the festival. It's growing fast. It's a living archive of thousands of videos made by young Europeans.

On the website, you can vote, comment, and start a discussion about the videos. The videos will be tagged by the makers by subject and location. So young bloggers can hunt for exciting videos and start discussions on the site. Come and see us today at www.strangerfestival.com

StrangerFestival

StrangerFestival. It's on

It all comes together at the festival, 3-5 July at the monumental Westergasfabriek in Amsterdam, where StrangerFestival gathers 300 young video makers from all parts of Europe together with thousands of young people from the Netherlands.

Together with a range of international experts, they'll participate in screenings, video workshops, youth debates, expert meetings, exhibitions, awards and parties. StrangerFestival has a pan-European feel. The festival will exhibit a wide range of videos from strongly political to purely entertaining and from experimental arts to video blogging. If it's out there, you'll see it here.

It's the ideas from the young video makers that will set the pace and tone of the festival. StrangerFestival is a fresh way of doing things. The grown-ups, the experts and the broadcasters will listen, participate and learn from the young video makers.

StrangerFestival... the story continues

After Amsterdam, StrangerFestival is on the move. An exhibition of the best videos will pitch-up at various museums, galleries and cultural centres across Europe. For locations go to www.strangerfestival.com

Learning more

strangerfestival.com offers young video makers and cultural organisations tips and tools for making videos. Educational material will be created to help teachers, cultural centres and youth organisations to work with video. An educational DVD with the best works of StrangerFestival will be available in autumn 2008.

What's more...

UK think-tank Demos will conduct an independent research study based around the young Europeans joining StrangerFestival. The initial findings will be presented directly at the StrangerFestival in July. The research will be published in Autumn 2008. The aim is to give teachers, cultural operators, the entertainment industry, parents and journalists a fresh take on what makes young Europeans tick.

StrangerFestival promotes sharing and doing things together: the entire project is run under a Creative Commons License.

Well, that's StrangerFestival for you. Now you too can become part of our extraordinary story. Here goes.

Hey,
are **YOU**
coming
too?

Become a StrangerFestival Partner and:

- Facilitate a means of self-expression for a future generation
- Share and learn in the expert meetings at the festival
- Connect your brand or organisation to the voices of intercultural youth across Europe
- Learn about the different needs and concerns of young people from Europe and beyond
- Meet political decision makers

Interested in participating as a StrangerFestival Partner?

Please contact stranger@eurocult.org

We will be more than pleased to inform you in detail about the possibilities and benefits of becoming a StrangerFestival Partner.

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