

Arts Society Chester Young Arts Project at Storyhouse, Chester.

The Arts Society Chester Young Arts supported the funding of £250 to purchase a digital video camcorder for the Storyhouse Young Company tutored by Hayley Lindley-Thornhill (Storyhouse Youth Projects Manager) to document their *"Is it Me?"* project and play based on the challenging issue of teenage domestic abuse.

The Arts Society Chester also gave funding of £500 towards a professional team to film the play *"Is it Me?"* in the Storyhouse Garret Theatre with the aim to be a long-lasting version of the performance that can be taken in to youth groups and schools to extend access to the play across the North West.

The Storyhouse Young Company are aged between 17 - 25 years old and they created a unique play called *"Is it Me?"*

The aims of the play are to:

- To empower the young people participating in the project to be made aware of and challenge the attitudes towards teenage domestic abuse.
- To raise awareness and ensure that young people's future choices and views keep them safe.
- To demonstrate to young people how to recognise abusive behaviour.
- Explore ways to get help that are accessible for all young people.

Members of the ASC Committee went to support the play *"Is it Me?"* shown in the intimate setting of the Garret Theatre space at Storyhouse Chester on 5th July.



[The photo shows the stage set before the performance – photography was not permitted while the actors were on stage]

The Arts Society Chester Young Arts Bursary at Chester University Art & Design Department.

The Arts Society Chester Young Arts supported for a second year an arts bursary aimed at students studying in the Art & Design Department at Chester University. The £1,000 ASC bursary focused on second year Interior Design BA (Hons) students supported by Head of Department, Tim Daly.

The students selected were Abbie Green, Holly Randle and Gillian Gregg who applied for the bursary to support a trip to Florence to explore architecture and interior design as inspiration for their final year degree projects.

“On our study trip to Florence we were able to experience architecture within a very different cultural setting. The trip has given us so much inspiration for our final year projects. Two places in particular that we amazed by were the Giardino Boboli and of course, the Duomo and Bell tower. It was a very enjoyable study trip and we would recommend anyone studying design to visit Florence as the architecture is inspirational. We really enjoyed our time here and are very thankful for the opportunity that was given to us.”

Holly Randle, Gillian Gregg and Abbie Green
BA (Hons) Interior Design, Chester University

Editor’s note:- The Arts Society Chester’s monthly raffle takings are set aside to fund our Young Arts and Heritage Volunteers’ projects.



Abbie Green, Gillian Gregg & Holly Randle

Bell tower at Florence Duomo



Holly Randle, Abbie Green & Gillian Gregg

Giardino Di Boboli