

YMCA bring Free Fest to Manchester in July

By **Nigel Barlow** - June 29, 2018



A new, free five-week activity festival 'Free Fest' is coming to Manchester in July to help school leavers explore their future.

The summer scheme is organised by YMCA Training and is aimed at young people aged between 16 and 25, providing a pathway into education and employment paths, whilst celebrating the summer with a variety of local free activities.

Beginning in July, Free Fest is a free activity programme taking place on Tuesdays and Thursdays. The festival encompasses both fun and learning based activities.

During Free Fest, young adults will be encouraged to explore their future through talking with local employers, visiting workplaces, and gaining trade skills such as interview preparation. Alongside this, there will be a variety of activities including bake-off competitions that are designed to encourage teenagers to meet like-minded individuals and improve their communication.

DATE: 3rd July – 2nd August 2018, every Tuesday and Thursday within the five week period

TIME:10:00am – 15:00pm

LOCATION:Indemnity House, 7 Chatham Street, Manchester, M1 3AY

Karen Ogden, Head of Education at YMCA Training, says "Free Fest is a fantastic initiative to support and for those who are unsure of how they would like to carve out their future career path. Free year olds to have a hands on taster training experience to find their desired vocational progress. Free Fest as there will also be a range of fun activities to get involved with such as road trips, but to celebrate the summer together."

YMCA Training is a national charity with a proven track record in transforming the lives of young people through apprenticeship training and employment support.

find more details on Free Fest visit <https://www.ymcatraining.org.uk/freefest/>.

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