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PRESS RELEASE

AMAZE a live digital arts installation presenting the unheard stories of the young people of Islington

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Installation at the Cube Gallery at Highbury Fields Festival

Sunday 4th July 2010

11am – 4pm on Sunday

ADMISSION FREE

Islington is often seen as one of London's more affluent boroughs but the stark reality is quite different. Within London, Islington men have the lowest life expectancy while women have the third lowest. Nationally, Islington has the worst levels of drugs misuse and twice as many households are single parents with dependent children.

On the 4th July at the Highbury Fields Festival, a specially commissioned white cube gallery will be brimming with a collection of exciting short films, poems, self-portraits, mixed media images and live interventions.

The artists are young people of Islington, aged between 14 – 19 years. Each week since the Spring the 40 Amaze Artists have been meeting with professional artists facilitators to develop this insightful, humorous and provocative installation based on their ideas and feelings about their identity and the worlds they experience and inhabit.

The worlds that many of the **Amaze** artists inhabit are fraught with difficulties and disadvantages. Many experience a conflict within their traditions and culture at home in contrast to aspects of the modern world outside of their homes. These contradictions can leave them feeling confused and torn about the way they make decisions and identify themselves in the society at large.

Amaze has boosted the confidence of the young artists to express their opinions and to ask questions publicly. It has also allowed them to look at themselves and reflect their findings through the work they have created. Taking part in the project has provided them with a fresh visual language to help communicate their ideas, feelings and beliefs beyond the barriers of language and culture.

Amaze is produced by **motiroti** in association with Listen Up.

'These young people represent many different cultures, backgrounds, languages and tastes, what connects them is an innate willingness to come to terms with difference'
Minou Norouzi (Documentary maker and creative facilitator)

NOTES TO EDITOR

To view **Amaze** please visit www.motiroti.com/amaze

Here you will find documentation of the project (the making of), sound bites from the young artists themselves, alongside photographs and short films in progress.

Click here for **Amaze Group** and **Trailer**

Artist Mentors and Facilitators include

Minou Norouzi, Harold Offeh and Daniel Saul

Young Amaze Artists

Ahmed Abdulaziz, Fahad Sheikh Aden, Fahti Aden, Faisa Ali, Jamal All, Moses Ayan, Alexia Batoulonga, Larichia Batoulonga, Raynold Bekoe, Paolo Berisha, Hafiza Chodhury, Mark Coleman, Lia Duberry, Hannah Dyett, Jamal Hali, Teddy Haile, Esmail Hassan, Leeban Hussein, Ishraga Ibrahim, Naila Irfan, Shaila Irfan, Mohammad Abdul Jalil, Angel Liu, Mateus Lutumba, Burak Pirincci, Cashmere Louise Moss, Kassius Nelson, David Okeke, Furkan Taskin, Nghiem Tran, Shapla Rushnara Yasmin, Gabriella Zekaj

Funders and Partners include

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About motiroti

Led by Artistic Director Ali Zaidi, **motiroti** is an award winning internationally acclaimed organisation that makes and produces interdisciplinary arts and creative projects.

Moving fluidly between diverse art forms, including film, performance, installation and digital technology, motiroti works with a range of participants and collaborators across continents and cultures. For over fifteen years its multiple perspective artworks have been challenging the perceptions of audiences worldwide.

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