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INNER WEST CELEBRATES YOUTH WEEK

Young people in the inner west are expected to join almost 200,000 young people across the state in celebrating the 20th Youth Week in NSW.

Minister for Youth, Linda Burney, launched Youth Week 2008 activities at the Brewhaha Art Exhibition **at 11am on Sunday** in Ashfield under the National Youth Week banner *Shout Share Live Unite*.

“The Brewhaha Art Exhibition showcases artwork from young people aged 15 to 24 years old who live, study or work in the Ashfield Council area. The works cover a range of art styles including painting, sculpture and photography,” Ms Burney said.

“The exhibition is the first part of the annual Brewhaha youth festival that attracts up to 2,000 local young people. It includes a band comp featuring performances by local young people, a skate comp, food, craft and information stalls, and a great atmosphere.

“The Brewhaha Festival captures the spirit of the week – young people having fun, being creative and expressing their talents at activities and events they help organise.”

The Brewhaha Festival is developed in partnership with Ashfield, Burwood, City of Canada Bay, Leichhardt and Strathfield councils. It will be held at Darrell Jackson Gardens in Summer Hill on Saturday 12 April.

“Youth Week is the time to acknowledge the positive contribution that young people make to our community, and to listen closely to what they are saying and doing. Youth Week demonstrates this and more,” Ms Burney said.

“As the Minister for Youth I take every opportunity to talk up young people – not talk them down or talk down to them – and promote their creativity, energy and ideas.

“All the activities across the state are organised by young people volunteering their time, for the benefit of other young people and the community as a whole, showcasing their talents and raising awareness of issues that affect them.

“The involvement of young people in Youth Week is not only valued – it’s essential to its success. I encourage all young people to get involved.”

Last year more than 3,500 young people got involved in organising and managing events and activities and more than 190,000 young people actually participated in Youth Week in NSW. Every local council in NSW has received a grant to help plan activities that give young people aged 12 to 25 years opportunities to participate in their local community.

To find out about other activities during Youth Week, visit the Youth Week website at www.youthweek.nsw.gov.au or contact your local council.

Youth Week is supported by all levels of government across Australia. In NSW, Youth Week is coordinated by DoCS and the major sponsor is the Motor Accidents Authority through its 'Arrive Alive' campaign.

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