Young Ones

Photographic Linocuts from the next generation of artists at Buku Larrnggay Mulka

Young Ones is a series of self-portraits by young artists from Yirrkala Community in Eastern Arnhem Land. The portraits combine photographic images and hand printing to reveal inner feelings, interests and associations.

The images are the result of a series of art workshops held Buku Larrnggay Mulka Art Centre in 2010. The mixed media workshops were offered to young people who were not engaged with mainstream schooling and were at risk from substance abuse, suicide, teenage pregnancy, violence, lack of motivation and low self-confidence.

The Art Centre offered the young artists an environment where they felt comfortable, listening to music, chatting and experimenting with different print media whilst working with digital technology (that they embrace wholeheartedly). The photographic medium combined with lino printing gave these young people confidence to express personal issues concerning their remote community and life.

The workshops were a huge success in terms of morale and engagement. Consequently many of the participants have gone on either to employment in the community or back to school and all are displaying a much higher regard for their self-preservation.

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