

Reel Youth Claymation Program

Claymation is an art form. In its simplest sense, it is a series of stop motion photographs put together to make a short film. Sequencing these photographs at the rate of 4 to 7 per second gives the appearance of movement, and within this movement a story can be told.

This claymation program is a 4 hour, facilitated exploration of stop-motion animation. It is an opportunity for up to 15 young people to make a short film, a journey into the process of creative collaboration and a chance for youth to speak up about the changes they want to see in their lives, their community and the world.



The program serves a diversity of young people, brought together by the organizations who serve them. Young people leave the program confident in their ability to make their own stop motion animation films and empowered to share their views with their community.

Reel Youth facilitators are artists themselves. They are also all professional arts based facilitators who are fluent in empowering youth using the arts. Each of them has been trained to mentor young people in the art of claymation. Their job is to help the youth make the best film possible, while entrusting creative control to the participants.

The stop motion photos created in the program are given to a professional editor to produce several short movies. We draw on Reel Youth's bank of local artists music and permissioned sound effects to create the soundtracks.

It is important to note that, although the participants do create a great finished product, Reel Youth feels the process is just as important as the product. Practicing cooperation, participating in collective creation and exploring issues that are close to home are all important elements involved in the process of the program.

Claymations made in the program will be hosted on ReelYouth.ca for the participants to disseminate and the films are entered into the youth juried Reel Youth Film Festival, which tours Canada and parts of the World.

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