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### **Break Thru engages local students in *Fantasy Worlds***

An exciting and innovative public art project is currently taking place through the support of Wyong Shire Council's Cultural Grant and Public Art Fund.

Madalyn Ward a Central Coast Community Artist, developed a public art project aimed at young people attending Break Thru People Solutions - Links to Learning Program. The Links to Learning Program is aimed at students in Years 7 – 10 and enables them to be more engaged at school, help them overcome barriers to learning and to help them set and achieve goals.

The project the students have worked on, titled *Fantasy Worlds*, has provided young people with the opportunity to depict individual 3D-worlds based on their own personal and/or global interests and issues.

The project encompasses skills development components over a 20-week program, teaching the students about 2D and 3D art, from experimentation with diverse materials and mediums, to relevant techniques and application processes.

Madalyn acknowledged *"this is a unique project as it allows the young participants to be involved throughout the whole process of the project from concept to installation. Projects such as this, provide young people with a realistic insight into the artistic and technical developments connected to 2D and 3D artworks"*.

The project successfully attracted 11 participants from High Schools throughout the Wyong Shire and the participant's completed sculptures will be installed at Gravity Community Park, Lake Haven in July this year.

To find out more about the Links to Learning Program or other programs you may become involved in, please contact your local Break Thru office or visit [www.breakthru.org.au](http://www.breakthru.org.au)

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**Other Breakthru Central Coast locations:**

**Wyong, Lakehaven, The Entrance, Gosford & Ettalong**

**Break Thru Company Profile:**

Break Thru Employment is an Australian not-for-profit organisation that has been placing jobseekers in employment for over fifteen years, including those who are disadvantaged. They work with employers to provide tailored assistance to help job seekers on their pathway to employment, particularly the growing proportion of people who are highly disadvantaged and those who have been recently been made redundant. The Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations recently announced that Break Thru Employment Solutions was successful in its bid to expand its service throughout an additional 22 sites, boosting their operations to 47 offices across the Eastern seaboard. And despite many employment providers downsizing, Break Thru will go against this trend and recruit an additional 350 staff for their own operations, particularly those who have recently lost their jobs.

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