

## Young people's involvement

Young people from Stowmarket have played an important role right from the start to establish The Mix. They helped to shape the bid for grant funding from the government, decided what facilities they wanted, and helped to design the building.



## Spreading the news

Young people have already given out badges with the distinctive 'x' logo in schools, set up the Stowmarket Youth Forum and a Facebook page ([www.facebook.com/TheMixStowmarket](http://www.facebook.com/TheMixStowmarket)).

A wide range of activities is planned to promote The Mix in the run-up to its opening. Details will be published on the website and on Facebook.



## A community resource

The Mix will be a town centre facility in a semi-residential area. Although it is primarily a facility for young people, parts of it will also be available for use by the whole community. The Mix will be a showcase for young people's talents and aim to establish good relations with local people of all ages.



## The Mix: A place for young people to go to...

- Explore talents
- Learn new skills
- Socialise
- Find help and support
- Have fun

The Mix is largely funded by the Department for Education through the *myplace* programme, which aims to deliver world-class youth facilities driven by the active participation of young people.

## Find out more

For further information visit [www.themixstowmarket.com](http://www.themixstowmarket.com) or email [themixstowmarket@gmail.com](mailto:themixstowmarket@gmail.com).

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# TheMix

## Are you ready?



A new world-class youth centre in the heart of Stowmarket. Opening in late 2012.

## Identity

A group of young people decided upon the name "The Mix" and worked with graphic design company, Pentagram, to design the logo and branding.



**TheMix**

# The Mix

“It's just going to completely change Stowmarket for young people.”

Sam Smith, 19, former Sixth Form student from Stowmarket High School

## Online Mix

- [www.themixstowmarket.com](http://www.themixstowmarket.com)
- [www.facebook.com/TheMixStowmarket](http://www.facebook.com/TheMixStowmarket)
- [www.twitter.com/mixstowmarket](http://www.twitter.com/mixstowmarket)

## What's in The Mix?

Young people will have a safe space to explore their talents, develop new skills and meet friends. The range of facilities will include:

- multi-media centre
- recording suite
- art studio
- café
- IT facilities
- hall for dancing, performance and sport

There will be a full programme of positive recreational activities on offer, at times that suit young people.

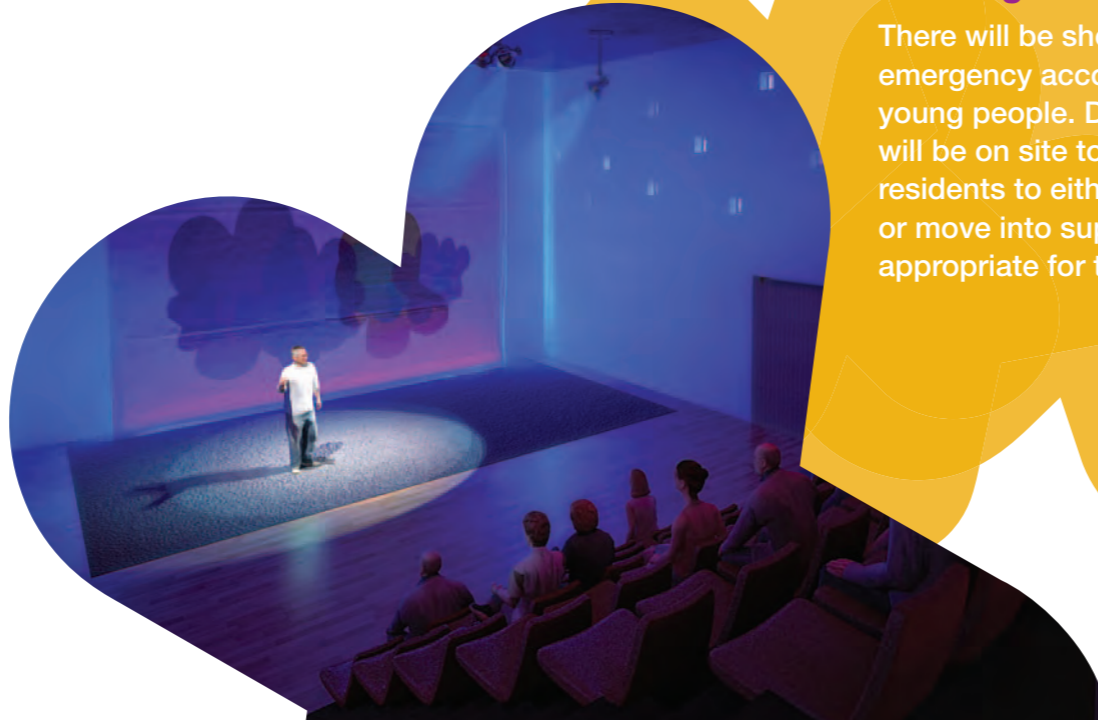


“The Mix will give the youth of Stowmarket an outlet and a place to go in our spare time.”

Gina Gray, 16, student from Stowmarket High School.

## Housing

There will be short-term emergency accommodation for young people. Dedicated staff will be on site to support residents to either return home, or move into supported housing appropriate for their age.



## Specialist services

Young people will be able to access specialist support in areas such as education, careers, housing, money, health, relationships, sexual health, drugs and alcohol advice and social care services. Information will also be provided about how to become involved in voluntary and community organisations.

## Building programme

The Mix will be based at the site of 127 Ipswich Street; opposite The Regal Theatre (cinema). It will see the refurbishment of the period building with a large modern extension at the back. The Mix is scheduled to open in September 2012.

