Community Journalism for Hamilton Youth

Proposed free program from Ascension Arts Academy

Proposed partnership with a local non-profit serving Hamilton

A place to tell your neighbourhood's stories

Pitch a local story, check the facts and turn what you find into an article, video or audio report. Ascension proposes a full-year program, with six months as the minimum.

What youth would do

Work in small newsroom teams to pitch local stories, verify information, conduct interviews, and learn photography, video, audio and editing. Youth can take on camera, sound, editing or reporting roles and build a portfolio of completed work.

How the program could run

The Academy is looking to work with a local non-profit to bring the program to Hamilton youth. The partner, venue, age group and schedule are not yet confirmed. Registration is not open.

PROPOSED ROLES

Ascension Arts Academy	Lead the curriculum and deliver hands-on instruction. Set supervision and safety procedures before launch.
Community non-profit	Help shape the program around what Hamilton youth need and make it easier for them to take part.
The Northern Current	Offer real story assignments and editorial feedback. Consider selected work for publication only when it meets editorial standards and consent requirements.

Youth safety and choice

Participation would never require being on camera or being published. Public sharing would require separate consent, including parent or guardian permission where applicable. A private portfolio would always be an option.

Program status

The program is in development. No partner, venue, start date or funding is confirmed.