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YOUTH ARTS

## Apply now for Carclew's *Off the Couch* 2012



Carclew Youth Arts is on the hunt for young musicians and bands aged 12-26 to take part in *Off the Couch* 2012.

*Off the Couch* provides local emerging musicians and bands the opportunity to showcase their music at one of six live music events staged at some of Adelaide's premier venues.

Run annually for the past 16 years, *Off the Couch* is a series of youth delivered live music events with a focus on independent and unsigned artists. It has helped participants forge successful music careers locally and interstate.

*Laura Hill and the Tuesday Bandits* played their first live gig as part of *Off the Couch*. The band's vocalist and songwriter Laura Hill credited the series as crucial in building the bands now national profile.

"It was through Carclew's *Off the Couch* that I had the opportunity to give my first public performance. It's amazing what you can achieve when you are surrounded by people who support, encourage and inspire you as an artist," said Laura.

The 2012 series will see the exciting addition of 'headliner bands' to act as informal mentors to emerging bands and musicians. "I can't drop names yet but expect some well known SA acts to feature in the gig line-ups," said *Off the Couch* coordinator Tara Lynch.

"*Off the Couch* is the ideal platform for young artists to start establishing professional connections that are crucial in forging a career in the music industry," said Tara.

*Off the Couch* live music events successfully showcase upcoming local talent to large audiences.

"The 2011 *Off the Couch* program attracted record participant numbers and the six events drew the strongest crowds in the program's history," Tara added.

*Off the Couch* events are programmed and delivered by a team of young and emerging event coordinators who participate in an intensive development and training program. The 2012 *Off the Couch* team has recently been appointed and coordination of the gigs is well underway.

**Off the Couch application closing dates**

Musicians and Bands **Wednesday 25 January 2012**

All musical genres are encouraged to apply. Applications are essential.

Visit [www.carclew.com.au](http://www.carclew.com.au) for further information and to download application forms.

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Throughout 2012 Carclew will celebrate 40 years of nurturing youth arts practice in South Australia. We would love to hear memories of Carclew from days gone by and encourage people to share their stories by emailing [40years@carclew.org.au](mailto:40years@carclew.org.au).