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Teenagers examine question: ‘Art is …’

PROVIDENCE — How often are teenagers provided a public forum to address serious questions such as, “What is art?”

Teenagers from the public schools have been provided this opportunity by AS220 Muse Union and Project New Urban Arts. Hundreds of postcards stamped with the simple phrase “Art is …” were distributed among teenagers at local high schools.

Students responded to this open-ended question through drawings, phrases, graffiti, portraits or other creative means. One student wrote that art is “a form of expression. Something to allow you to show what you are, what you do and where you come from.”

The exhibit is scheduled to open tonight at 6 at Project New Urban Arts, 743 Westminster St., across from Central and Classical High Schools. Gallery hours are Monday through Friday, 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. For information, call 751-4556.