

Collecting stories of the flood

A PLAY based on the real life experiences of young people in last summer's floods is being staged at The Space on Saturday.

Higher Ground was written by playwright Mike Akers, drawing on personal accounts collected from young people across Gloucestershire, and will be performed by the Stroud Theatre Company.

Chris Garner, artistic director, said: "We came across some extraordinary stories, a whole variety – funny, sad, riveting.

The project was funded by

The Children's and Young People's Directorate, a department of Gloucestershire County Council, who wanted to give a voice to children and young people affected by the floods.

"Their concerns were often different to those of the adults and so it was important to listen and give status to them and their experiences," said Kim Kenny, develop-

ment officer for the theatre company.

Once the stories had been collected, Mike Akers set about creating a narrative.

Show starts at 7.30 pm. Tickets: £5 and £3 for young people 16 and under.

To reserve tickets telephone 07950 833190 – please leave your name, contact telephone number and/or e-mail address and number of tickets required.



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