

Transcript

Power Up E-tools

PowerUp is a tool for indigenous people interested in working in multimedia, broadcasting and with new technologies. The PowerUp team traveled far and wide to collect the stories of indigenous people working in multimedia and using e-tools across the Northern Territory.

The PowerUp resource shares the stories of indigenous people, describes some of the careers available and the sorts of skills needed to work in these jobs.

To work in multimedia you'll need to like working with and meeting lots of people and generally enjoy having lots of fun. It's a creative exciting industry with lots of jobs that might just be for you. You might be interested in working in broadcasting on radio, or what about making videos, films or even shows for TV. There's even web design and e-learning resource production. There's plenty to choose from in this exciting industry.

Your journey through this resource will include a start off with using text and images. You'll look at fonts and faces and how text is used in multimedia. You'll look at how computers and text works and see how to manipulate still images. How to edit your images, how to resize, crop. We'll talk about colours and file formats and some of the drier stuff but still important. You'll also at text and images for digital storytelling and, more importantly, how to use the right tools for the job.

Now you've got some stories and some pictures to go with them, the next thing is some sound. You'll learn how to record sound in lots of different ways and the different sorts of software that's available. You'll also learn how to use a range of equipment and make sure you get just the sound you wanted. That's not just voice, but also might be music or other things that you're doing in your home community. You'll learn how to put these different sounds together with a single track or multi-track tools to make it sound terrific. Then you can attach it to a digital storytelling tool or whatever you're doing.

Indigenous Australians are getting behind the camera to share their stories through animation and video. We'll show you some cool tools and techniques for 2D and 3D animation. You'll see some great resources using amazing animation and video techniques like MARVIN and Make IT Real. You'll get a chance to take, edit and create and share your stories using a whole range of easy to use innovative software. Come – check out the resource to see how.

A key purpose to PowerUp Training with E-tools is that you'll share some of the multimedia skills that you have acquired. In the section "Principles of Training" you'll learn about lesson planning, look at some sample workshops and activities you could do with others to share your multimedia skills and help them learn to do the same. Talk a little bit about adult learning, how to assess skills, even how to question people to make sure they understand the skill that you are showing them. So "Principles for Training" is about you being able to share your multimedia skills with people in your community.

Once you've worked your way through all the tools you'll be full of ideas and ready to go. In the "Useful Links and Activities" section, you'll find lots of different places on the web to find different resources and also all the different terms you've found along the way and exactly what they mean. Now that you've played with all of our different tools, we really want to hear from you, so go out, have fun and don't forget to tell us how it went.