

PLAYHOUSE



Playhouse inspires and empowers schools through theatre making; connecting schools with professional theatres, script writers and theatre makers.

Delivered nationally across the UK, Playhouse is a unique participatory national theatre project that connects schools with professional theatres, script writers and theatre makers, so they may be inspired and empowered to experience the benefits of professional theatre making.

- Builds UK national connections between theatres and schools.
- Hosts the huge library of bespoke, specially commissioned scripts aimed at the children's age and class size.
- Children and teachers work alongside professional playwrights who write relevant scripts for children today.
- Offers a positive life-experience for children that has a long-term transformative impact.
- Perform your play on a professional theatre stage.

WHO IS PLAYHOUSE FOR?

Primary school teachers interested in a professional learning opportunity where they can learn more about how to direct productions with a large cast of young people, alongside arts professionals.

Children aged 9-11 (Year 5 & 6) will have the chance to perform a new play in a professional theatre.

A whole-class experience!
The play will be written for a cast of 20-30.

This bespoke project is specifically tailored to the Expressive Arts Area of Learning and experience within the Curriculum for Wales.



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For Teachers...

An enriching and comprehensive CPD programme that connects theatres with playwrights and theatre makers. Teachers learn rehearsal and directing techniques and develop the skills and confidence they need to bring drama into the classroom. Teachers feel empowered through practical support from the Playhouse team, who are committed to helping schools overcome any barriers.

Teachers work with specially commissioned professional playwrights who develop scripts that are relevant and topical for young people today. The easy to deliver Playhouse project ensures minimal props and costumes, which makes it cost-effective and practical to achieve.

"I'll be able to support my colleagues with the CPD I received and the wonderful training I got."

"It's wonderful having a script that is designed for a class that is age appropriate."



"For some children, it's the first time they have been to a theatre – they're all so excited and happy."

"I can be who I really am."



For Children...

A once in a lifetime opportunity for children to perform on stage in front of friends, family and public audiences, alongside other schools in the project. Children's learning is transformed and their awareness of theatre making and social skills are vastly improved.

Fun workshops in their schools introduce children to creative play and drama techniques in advance of visiting the theatre, often for the first time. By performing high quality, age-appropriate scripts that children can easily relate to and enjoy, they develop their acting and oracy skills, gain confidence and a growth mindset of positivity and achievement.

PROJECT TIMELINE

September 2023 - February 2024:

Schools sign up for the project (Deadline for signing up: 09 February 2024)

Saturday 02 March 2024: Digital Writers Workshop

- The Playhouse partners, playwrights and teachers from across the UK come together for a Digital Writers Workshop, held over Zoom.
- This digital workshop will help teachers from primary schools across the UK to discover more about the play they have chosen.
- Teachers will have the opportunity to talk to the writer of their chosen script and learn more about the play and the writer's vision, as well as explore new ways of developing their directing skills with children & young people.

Wednesday 22 April 2024: Teachers Workshop Day

- The teachers from the schools in Wales will come together for a Teacher's Workshop Day, where there will be specific Professional Development Opportunities to help their directing skills and how to get the best out of a large cast of young people.
- The Teacher Workshop Day is run by Theatr Iolo and will be in person at The Riverfront, Newport.
- The day will be split into 2 sessions, the morning session will be led by Theatr Iolo's creative practitioner with the afternoon session being run by The Riverfront's technical team to explore the technical considerations of your chosen play.

10 & 11 June 2024: Backstage Tour

- Teachers will be invited to the Riverfront on one of these days for a tour of the backstage. □Dates and times will be arranged by The Riverfront.

May & June 2024:

- Teachers will rehearse their chosen play during this period in their school.
- A Theatr Iolo practitioner will visit the school for either one full day or two half-day sessions to provide bespoke advice and guidance on how to direct their performance. (exact dates to be agreed between the practitioner and the school)

8 & 9 July 2024 : Performance Day

- One of these 2 days will be your performance day, this is when your class will perform their play to family and friends □at The Riverfront, Newport.
- Performance times will be arranged by Theatr Iolo and The Riverfront.

HOW MUCH DOES PLAYHOUSE COST?



A digital workshop for the lead teacher to come together with the venues, playwrights and participating schools from across the UK

The lead teacher will take part in a full day, in-person workshop with a practitioner and other teachers from Wales to explore the process of directing a play and provide ideas to take back to the classroom. Lunch and refreshments will be provided.

A full day or two half-day day visits at your school from a Theatr Iolo practitioner for one-to-one support to help you get the most from your class and your play choice.

A half day visit from a member of the Theatr Iolo team following the workshop in which you will be offered advice and guidance.
Unlimited access to the Theatr Iolo team whilst rehearsing the production for help and advice

A backstage tour of The Riverfront for your whole class.

Professional photographs and video recording.



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HOW CAN I GET INVOLVED?

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