



Guild of Players Youth Theatre

Freelance Positions Available

Introduction

Built in 1792, the Theatre Royal in Dumfries is the oldest theatre in Scotland. Within its walls are 232 years of social, literary and dramatic heritage, woven together to create an historic legacy both for Dumfries and for the whole of Scotland. The theatre has been owned and managed since 1960 by the Guild of Players. A major refurbishment in 2015 has allowed the Guild of Players to considerably expand the programme at the theatre, including community, education, and heritage work. The Guild of Players is a Scottish Charity (SCO01963) and Company Limited by Guarantee (SC35841).

Workshop Leader (£100 per Tuesday session, 4pm - 8pm)

The workshop leader will lead on youth theatre sessions in the Guild of Players Youth Theatre's new and exciting year.

Key Tasks

- Directly responsible to the Education and Youth Engagement Officer (EYE).
- Planning and leading teaching sessions for the GOPYT. This includes liaising with the EYE Officer and Workshop Assistant on plans.
- Making sure that all lessons are planned out and all resources needed are communicated to the EYE before a session.
- Caring for the wellbeing of the young people attending the sessions.
- Organising, along with the Education and Youth Engagement Officer, any other plans the GOPYT have that they are directly involved in.
- Participating in evaluating the activities of the sessions after a block or workshops.
- Noting to the EYE whenever they are unable to attend a session in advance, unless otherwise stated.
- Be able to submit a PVG check with Disclosure Scotland and undertake any relevant training.

Skills and Experience:

- Looking for someone who has had experience leading sessions (drama or other) with a range of ages.

- Enjoys Theatre and making productions with young people
- Interest or experience in directing.

Workshop Assistants (1x Monday £20 per session & 1x Tuesday £50 per session)

**Tuesday can be split into 4pm - 5.45pm / 5.45pm - 7.30pm if needed.*

The workshop assistants will assist in our youth theatre classes, working with professionals in the theatre industry.

Key Tasks

- Directly responsible to the Education and Youth Engagement Officer (EYE).
- Assisting the Workshop Leader in session on behalf of the GOPYT. This includes liaising with the EYE Officer and Workshop Leader on plans.
- Caring for the wellbeing of the young people attending.
- Noting to the EYE whenever they are unable to attend a session in advance, unless otherwise stated.
- Participating in evaluating the activities of the sessions after a block or workshops.
- Be able to submit a PVG check with Disclosure Scotland and undertake any relevant training.

Experience:

- Interest in teaching young people.
- Interest in drama and theatre.
- Shows initiative and an approachable personality.

Workshop Sessions Availability

We would be looking for people to be available either Monday (Assistant) or Tuesday (Leader and 1x Assistant) between these dates:

- 25th August – 7th of October 2025 (7 sessions plus meeting)
- 27th October – 2nd of December (6 sessions plus meeting and panto trip)
- 12th Jan – 24th March 2026 (11 sessions plus meeting)
- 13th April - End of June (Show term)

Please send CV and a small paragraph about why you are interested in working with the Guild of Players Youth Theatre to education@theatreroyaldumfries.co.uk

Timelines

Deadline for applications: **Monday 4th of August at 5pm**

Interviews will be scheduled with successful applicants asap, before and after the deadline.

Initial meeting: **Tuesday 19th of August** (with all GOPYT team to go over term.)

First week in role: **Monday 25th of August.**