



## Open Stage 2024

### The Holloway Garden Theatre Open Stage

If you had this stage for a day, what would you do....



What if this was your space? We're throwing open the Holloway Garden Theatre for a season of work created by community groups.

This opportunity is not limited to performances by theatre groups, we want to know what's interesting and relevant to you, and how you'd like to present that to an audience.

You might be a dance company that wants to share your work; a student group running a people's assembly about a particular issue, or a community group that wants to play an interactive game involving participants from the auditorium; this is your space to present work that means something to you and what you want to share with the public.

The programme will also be curated by a selection panel including members of our Youth Advisory Board, local community partners in Stratford-upon-Avon and the Creative Learning and Engagement Team.

### The Programme

Each group will be given one day during the summer season at the Holloway Garden Theatre, with a total of 13 dates available. Groups can arrive from 10.30am with an induction to the space by the RSC. You are then free to set-up and prepare from 11am, with a maximum of two hours to the public. (This can be split into two events if you prefer.) Groups must have left and cleared the space by 3.30pm.

#### Example Day with one slot open to public:

10.30am - Group arrives, Health and Safety induction by RSC staff.

11am – Group prepares for proposed activity

1pm – Proposed activity to public

2.30pm - Activity finishes – clear of space by 3.30pm

### **Example Day with two slots open to the public:**

10.30am - Group arrives, Health and Safety induction by RSC staff.

11am – Group prepares for proposed activity

12pm – Proposed activity to public

1pm – Activity finishes – break

2pm - Proposed activity to public

3pm – Activity finishes – clear of space by 3.30pm

### **About the Space:**

- Your event/ activity will be free for the public to attend but will be ticketed to enable safe management of the theatre, and will be taking a 'Chilled' approach. This means there will be a more casual approach to noise and movement in the auditorium and is ideal for people who feel more at ease knowing they can go in and out of the auditorium during the event.
- The activity must be suitable for all ages to attend.
- Dimensions of the stage will be confirmed asap – please see above photo for reference.
- No technical support available including amplification or lighting.
- Bluetooth speakers are available, but must be operated by your group.
- Maximum of 15 people

### **Available Dates:**

Saturday 20 July, Sunday 21 July, Saturday 27 July, Sunday 28 July, Saturday 3 August, Sunday 4 August, Saturday 10 August, Sunday 11 August, Saturday 17 August, Sunday 18 August, Sunday 25 August, Saturday 31 August, Sunday 1 September.

### **Workshops and Support**

For successful groups, there will be some workshops in Stratford-upon-Avon, starting in March that you will be invited to meet the team and develop your proposal, including a limited number of workshops available at your site or online. We will speak to you at point of offer, to understand your needs.

The first available workshop will be Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> March, Stratford-upon-Avon from approx. 11am – 4pm. So if possible to join us in Stratford, please save the date.

Further support to develop your proposal will be provided in the build-up to your Open Stage slot, dependent on your need. This could be either early in development of your piece, or on the day, for example, would you like a vocal warm up?

### **Terms and Conditions**

- Your group will be required to have your own Public Liability Insurance and if your application is successful, we will request evidence of insurance from you.
- Groups will be required to have their own Safeguarding Policies and will also be required to agree to the RSC Safeguarding Policy.
- Groups must provide a full risk assessment for their activity/ event.
- While we will do our best to ensure all activity/ events will take place, the space is outdoors and therefore could be cancelled due to in-climate weather. Unfortunately, no alternative venue is available.

- This is a voluntary opportunity, and therefore there is no fee or expenses paid to take part. However, if this presents a significant barrier to attend, please contact [nicola.salmon@rsc.org.uk](mailto:nicola.salmon@rsc.org.uk)

**Application Process:**

- To apply, please complete the online application form, using the link below. We want to know what makes this opportunity exciting for you and your group, what are your group's aim by taking part and what do you want your audience to take away with them.
- Applications close on Friday 8 March at 9am
- Successful applicants will be notified by Friday 16 March.

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