

Advice on Choosing a Production

Before you take a group of young people to the theatre, there are a number of things you need to consider...

1. What's On?

The best place to find out what's on is through online listings for venues in your area. You can also ring or call into the venue to find out what's on. Season brochures give you a great idea of the programme as well as what might be suitable for your group.

2. What's the best fit for my group?

The biggest challenge is finding the right production for your group. You want to bring young people to something that they will connect with, that will be enjoyable and that also has a reasonably high aesthetic value.

Have a think about the subject matter. Is this production something that young people would like to see or would it appeal to an older theatregoer? Is the material age-appropriate?

Picking the right production is really important, especially if people are experiencing theatre for the first time. If your choice is misjudged it could have a very negative affect on their theatre-going experience.

Remember to let the young people have their say in what they want to see. It's really valuable that they have an input in the decision-making process too.

3. How can I keep the cost down?

How much do the tickets cost? Are they affordable or are they outside your price range? How will you fund the purchase of the tickets?

Don't forget, theatres and venues really want people to come and see their shows so they offer all sorts of group discounts. Some also offer discounts for schools, youth groups and matinee performances.

Don't be afraid to ask questions about the show or look for discounts. If you plan well, you really can make some great savings.