

Youth Theatre Support Scheme 2021

Theatre Skills Training: Guidelines

Who is eligible to apply?

Affiliated youth theatres that are in good standing and have renewed their 2021 membership are eligible to apply. Organisational and Individual members of Youth Theatre Ireland are not eligible to apply.

What is Theatre Skills Training?

You can apply to bring in a professional/skilled practitioner in a specific theatre skill to work with your youth theatre **online or in-person** for up to 4 two-hour sessions. These sessions can be scheduled over several weeks or over a weekend. It is open to the youth theatre to decide what theatre skill they need support for. Theatre skills might include voice, movement, stage combat, text work, devising, character development, commedia dell'arte, technical theatre, etc. The youth theatre should choose the skilled practitioner to deliver the sessions; Youth Theatre Ireland is happy to advise on this if needed. Your youth theatre must ensure that the facilitator/practitioner is Garda vetted prior to working with your young people.

How much will Youth Theatre Ireland contribute?

Youth Theatre Ireland will cover the cost of the professional/skilled practitioner to a maximum of €400, or four 2-hour workshops at a rate of €50 per hour. The scheme will not cover travel or other expenses. To receive payment from the fund, the youth theatre must provide the following to Youth Theatre Ireland *once all the sessions have been completed and within two months of the final workshop*:

- A short report on the theatre skills training that includes feedback from the young people who participated and some images of the sessions if possible
- An invoice with your youth theatre's bank details for EFT payment

How do I apply?

Please complete the application form, which is available under the "Youth Theatre Supports Schemes" tab in the Membership and Services section of our website. Outline specifically why you have identified the particular skill and the benefits you anticipate for your group. Please also include a CV for the proposed practitioner. **There are normally two calls for applications a year. The first deadline for applications for 2021 is 12pm (noon) Thursday, 15 April.** Keep your eye on the Youth Theatre Ireland newsletter and website for updates regarding a second call later in the year.