

# A Youth Theatre Practice Symposium

TU Dublin, East Quad, Grangegorman Campus, Dublin 7,

November 13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup> 2026

| Friday 13th November – Day One |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | Room                                  |
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| 11.15 – 12.00                  | <b>Registration</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | <a href="#">East Quad Front Foyer</a> |
| 12 – 12.15                     | <b>Introduction and Welcome</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | <a href="#">Concert Hall</a>          |
| 12.15 – 1.30                   | <b>Speakers:</b><br><br><b>Eoghan Doyle</b><br>Youth Theatre Ireland Launch Strategic Plan 2026- 2030<br><br><b>Rachel Doolin and Donna O’Keeney</b><br>Graffiti BEAG – Creating Space for the Magic in Everyday<br><br><b>Catherine Sheridan</b><br>What If? Making Room for Wonder<br><br><b>Dominic Campbell</b><br>Playing For All of Your Life<br><br><b>Panel Discussion hosted by Sarah Fitzgibbon</b>                                            | <a href="#">Concert Hall</a>          |
| 1:30 – 2.30                    | <b>Lunch</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | <a href="#">Front Foyer</a>           |
| 2.30 – 4:30                    | <b>Workshop A</b><br><br><b>Workshop 1: What If? Making Room for Wonder</b><br>Catherine Sheridan<br><br><b>Workshop 2: Permission to Play</b><br>Rachel Doolin and Donna Keavney<br><br><b>Workshop 3: Sound Play: Making Audio Performance Together</b><br>Dr. Ciara Murphy & Dr. Brian Keegan<br><br><b>Workshop 4: Point. Click. Play. - Interactive Theatre with Barry, Cathal &amp; Donal</b><br>Barry Morgan, Cathal Thornton, with Donal Beecher |                                       |
| 4.30-5:00                      | <b>Tea break</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | <a href="#">Front Foyer</a>           |
| 5- 6.30pm                      | <b>Making Connections Workshop</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | <a href="#">Concert Hall</a>          |
| 7 – 9pm                        | <b>Social Gathering and Quiz at Generator Hostel (Alcohol Free Event)</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | <a href="#">Generator Hostel</a>      |

| Saturday 14 <sup>th</sup> November – Day Two |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | Room                                  |
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| 9.00 - 10.30<br>am                           | <b>Registration</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | <a href="#">East Quad Front Foyer</a> |
| 9.30- 10.30                                  | <b>Youth Theatre Ireland AGM</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | <a href="#">Black Box</a>             |
| 10.30 – 12.30                                | <b>Workshop B</b><br><br><b>Workshop 1: What If? Making Room for Wonder</b><br>Catherine Sheridan<br><br><b>Workshop 2: Permission to Play</b><br>Rachel Doolin and Donna Keavney<br><br><b>Workshop 3: Sound Play: Making Audio Performance Together</b><br>Dr. Ciara Murphy & Dr. Brian Keegan<br><br><b>Workshop 4: Point. Click. Play. - Interactive Theatre with Barry, Cathal &amp; Donal</b><br>Barry Morgan, Cathal Thornton, with Donal Beecher |                                       |
| 12.30- 1.15                                  | <b>Lunch</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |                                       |
| 1.30pm – 2.40<br>pm                          | <div> <b>Session A</b><br/><br/> <b>Fireside Chat -Players At Life</b><br/><br/> Hosted by Phil Kingston with<br/> Eoghan Healy Flanagan<br/> Darren Yorke<br/> Michelle Read </div> <div> <b>Session B</b><br/><br/> <b>Long Table: Life in 2030 and beyond – where do we want to be?</b><br/><br/> Facilitated by Dr. Ali FitzGibbon </div>                                                                                                            |                                       |
| 2.40pm – 3pm                                 | <b>Tea and Coffee Break and informal networking</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | <a href="#">Front Foyer</a>           |
| 3- 3.45 pm                                   | <b>Emerging Voices Panel</b><br>Chaired by Lara Cody                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |                                       |
| 4pm– 5.30pm                                  | <b>Playshare Showcase</b><br>Hosted by Rebecca Feely<br><br><b>Closing Remarks – Eoghan Doyle, Director Youth Theatre Ireland</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | <a href="#">Black Box Theatre</a>     |
| 5.30pm                                       | <b>Finish &amp; Departures</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |                                       |
| 6:00pm                                       | <b>Building Closes</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |                                       |