**PLACEMENT OPPORTUNITIES**

**WITH LEWISHAM YOUTH THEATRE**

**DIRECTING ASSISTANTS**

Directing Assistants work closely with the projects’ Lead Directors to help plan, support and deliver drama workshops and rehearsals. This hands-on role includes opportunities to lead exercises, direct small group work and provide pastoral care for the participants. The role will suit students, recent graduates or those developing their youth arts practice who are interested in learning facilitation techniques, directing, session planning, and building up their CVs in youth arts.

Volunteers on **short projects** may:

* Take part in/Lead warm-up exercises
* Work with small groups/pairs to help them engage with activities
* Provide one-to-one support for participants with additional needs
* Assist with pastoral care of participants

Volunteers on **performance projects** may do all of the above and, additionally:

* Direct selected scenes
* Lead line-running practice
* Assist backstage during performances

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| **AUTUMN TERM 2019** | | | |
| **PROJECT** | | **DESCRIPTION** | **DATES & TIMES** |
| **Junior Youth Theatre 2**  **Workshop Group**  **(Ages 11 - 14)** | | Support workshop leaders to deliver games and exercises for ages 11 – 14. A short project helping to build confidence and develop key drama skills. | **Thursdays 4:00 – 6:00pm**  31st October – 5th December |
| **SPRING TERM 2020** | | | |
| *Performance Projects* | | | |
| **Junior Youth Theatre 1**  **Performance Projects**  **(Ages 8 - 11)** | | Assist directors to deliver sessions and rehearse group of approx. 20 children aged 8 -11. Gain hands-on directing skills working in small groups in this script-based performance project. | **Tuesdays 4:00 – 6:00pm**  7th January – 19th May  (excluding 18/2, 7/4, 14/4)  AND  All day Production Week:  Tuesday 26th– Saturday 30th May  **OR**  **Saturdays 10:45am – 12:45pm**  11th January – 23rd May  (excluding 22/2, 11/4, 18/4)  AND  All day Production Week:  Tuesday 26th– Saturday 30th May |
| **Junior Youth Theatre 2**  **Acting Company**  **(Ages 11 – 14)** | | Assist directors to deliver sessions and rehearse group of approx. 20 children aged 12 – 14. Gain hands-on directing skills working in small groups. | **Thursdays 4:15 – 6:45pm**  9th January – 2nd April  AND  All day Production Week  Monday 6th – Thursday 9th April |
| *Short Projects (no performance)* | | | |
| **Senior Youth Theatre**  **Workshop Group**  **(Ages 14 – 17)** | Support workshop leaders to deliver games and exercises for ages 14 – 17. A short project helping to build confidence and develop key drama skills. | | **Mondays, 5:45 – 8:15pm**  17th February – 23rd March |
| **SUMMER TERM 2020** | | | |
| *Performance Projects* | | | |
| **Senior Youth Theatre**  **Acting Company**  **(Ages 16 – 21)** | Assist directors to deliver sessions and rehearse group of approx. 20 young people aged 16 – 21. Gain hands-on directing skills working in small groups. | | **Thursdays 5:15 – 8:15pm**  16th April – 16th July  (excluding 28/5)  AND  All day Production Week  Monday 21st– Saturday 25th July |
| **Senior Youth Theatre**  **Workshop Company**  **(Ages 14 – 17)** | Assist directors to deliver sessions and rehearse group of approx. 20 young people aged 14 – 17. Gain hands-on directing skills working in small groups. | | **Wednesdays 5:15 – 7:45pm**  22nd April – 15th July  (excluding 27/5)  AND  All day Production Week  Monday 21st – Saturday 25th July |
| *Short Projects (no performance)* | | | |
| **Junior Youth Theatre 1**  **Workshop Group**  **(Ages 8 – 11)** | | Support workshop leaders to deliver games and exercises for ages 8 – 11. A short project helping to build confidence and develop key drama skills. | **Tuesdays, 4:00 – 6:00pm**  2nd June – 7th July |

*Some dates and times may be subject to change.*