

Theatre Royal Plymouth's Young Company and People's Company... *'We're Back!'*

Theatre Royal Plymouth are thrilled to announce that they are now able to bring some of their regular Young Company and People's Company workshops back for the Autumn term this October! This will be the first time members of the public will be welcomed back through the theatre's doors since its forced closer due to the Covid-19 pandemic in March this year.

The teams at TRP have been working hard to ensure their buildings and procedures are Covid Secure, allowing them to welcome back participants for this season of socially distanced workshops that are being held at their Production and Learning Centre, TR2.

Young Company and People's Company offer opportunities for young people to work with the professional artists at TRP to develop skills for the stage or behind the scenes. These workshops cover areas such as theatre-making, performance, singing, writing, and storytelling.

Dani Hamlin, Learning Associate at Theatre Royal Plymouth said: *"For me, the Theatre and our Production and Learning Centre, TR2 just aren't the same without seeing our 5-7s coming through the revolving door, our 8-11s giving me a cheeky wave through the rehearsal room window and our older groups hanging out on the ground floor sofas before the start of their session. Getting our groups back into a rehearsal space and back together is the first step to welcoming everyone back to TRP. We can't wait to do what we do best again!"*

TRP have had to change the way they deliver the sessions for the time being, saying *'This is all just as new to us as it is to you, so we'll be navigating this new environment together'*. The new Covid secure measures will include temperature checks, socially distanced floor markers and hand sanitiser to ensure all participants and staff are safe and comfortable in all theatre sessions and buildings. You can find out more about the courses on offer for the Autumn term on the [TRP website](#).

Theatre Royal Plymouth and TR2 have been closed in line with Government guidance

since March, the first time the Theatre has had to close its doors to the public in 37 years. Since the first announcement that the theatre would have to close TRP have been supporting staff, including casual workers, freelance artists and practitioners, and have been overwhelmed by supporters and their wonderful messages and on-going patience while they have taken the recommended steps to keep staff and audiences safe.

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Theatre Royal Plymouth (TRP) is a registered charity providing art, education and community engagement in Plymouth and across the region. It engages and inspires with the aim of touching lives as the South West's principal centre for performing arts. Theatre Royal Plymouth presents a year-round programme of world class productions on all scales.

Theatre Royal Plymouth works with partners to understand the challenges people face accessing the arts, especially vulnerable and disadvantaged people. It creates pathways that are genuinely accessible to those who might otherwise never get to engage with the arts. They collaborate to co-create and co-author work that represents the community, creating the space needed for people to tell their story in their own way.

Theatre Royal Plymouth is the UK's largest regional producing theatre. With a focus on embracing the vitality of new talent and supporting emerging and established artists. It collaborates with a range of partners to provide dynamic cultural leadership for the city of Plymouth.