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## **Theatre Royal Plymouth Lab Company Applications Now Open**

Want to make great work with brilliant people? The Lab Company is for theatre-makers, from the Plymouth area, at the start of their careers. It's a yearlong training programme with Theatre Royal Plymouth which offers exceptional mentorship and networking opportunities.

Successful applicants will work together as an ensemble and create a piece of theatre that will be programmed into The Lab at TRP.

Ben Lyon-Ross, Talent Development Producer at Theatre Royal Plymouth said: *“As our industry has struggled through the pandemic, it's been a particularly scary time for artists who are at the start of their careers. That's why I'm delighted to be opening applications for the Lab Company again. The programme is an entry point to a career in theatre, a great option for anyone wondering 'What's next?' and a brilliant way to meet collaborators and build your network”.*

**The project will provide;** intensive training with Theatre Royal Plymouth creatives, workshops with nationally significant theatre companies, advice & mentoring from industry professionals, an opportunity to create and show a new piece of theatre in a professional environment, employment opportunities at the Theatre Royal Plymouth.

**Who this project is for?** Early Career Artists aged 18-30 who are currently living in or near Plymouth. The programme is for anyone looking to work in theatre professionally.

The collective power of each company member's life, experiences, knowledge, innovation, self-expression, and talent creates the very best environment for us to achieve our ambitions. In recruiting for the Lab Company TRP recognise the unique contributions that individuals can bring in terms of education, opinions, culture, ethnicity, race, sex, gender identity and expression, nation of origin, age, languages spoken, colour, religion, disability, sexual orientation and beliefs.

**When does the project take place?** Sept 2021-July 2022, Thursday's 10am-1pm and Friday's 10am-4pm for 10 weeks each term/season, plus two full-time intensive weeks during the year.

Applications are open until 10am Monday 16th August 2021. Theatre Royal Plymouth will be offering auditions on the 06, 07, 20 and 21 August. Individuals can fill out an [application form](#) or email an audio/video application to TRP. Applicants can email [talent.development@theatreroyal.com](mailto:talent.development@theatreroyal.com) if they would like more information or to arrange a telephone chat. You can find out more about The Lab Company [here](#).

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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. Theatre Royal Plymouth presents a year-round programme of world class productions on all scales as the South West's principal centre for performing arts.

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.