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TRP's Lab Company – Meet the Next Generation of Theatre Makers



Video introductions: <https://youtu.be/8TW6FR40G0M>

Theatre Royal Plymouth has welcomed 12 enthusiastic theatre makers to join its year-long training programme, Lab Company.

The programme is for people aged 18-30, from the Plymouth area, who are looking to work in the theatre industry professionally.

Lab Company provides training, advice and mentoring, as well as an opportunity to create and show a new piece of theatre on TRP's Lab stage.

The year runs from September 2021 until July 2022, usually with two sessions per week.

Ben Lyon-Ross, Talent Development Producer at Theatre Royal Plymouth, said:

“We offer them bespoke training, advice and mentorship, and encourage them to make their own theatre company. At the end of the year, they present a brand new piece of work that runs in The Lab for a week.”



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“We’ve been really conscious of making sure the Lab Company is representative of the city and the community that we serve here at TRP and we’re just super excited to see what stories come out of this group.”

Olivia Brooking is part of this year’s Lab Company. After finishing her A-levels, she is currently in a gap year.

“I feel incredibly fortunate to be part of this team. I really love creating bits of theatre and art and wanted to get involved with as much as I could.”

“This space is so welcoming. You can come in and be as creative as you like. It’s great to have a space to be free and create loads of cool theatre.”

“I want to gain a lot more experience, develop my skill set, create as many links in the industry as possible, make new friendships and have a great time.”

Find out more about Lab Company: theatreroyal.com/take-part

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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 and collaborates 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.



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