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Theatre Royal Plymouth showcases its community work in a series of performances to help mark 40th year

Theatre Royal Plymouth has celebrated its work with children, young people and community groups this July, with a series of events on The Lyric stage, to mark the organisation's 40th year.

The TRP Community Celebration Week ran from Tuesday 5 – Saturday 9 July.

Across the week, the theatre's main stage The Lyric was filled with young people and community groups performing end of year pieces, as well as the much-celebrated Playhouse Festival, featuring local primary schools, and a night celebrating one of the theatre's longest running programmes, Our Space.

32 groups took to the stage to share a snapshot of their experiences with audiences.

Sara Rhodes, Engagement Manager at Theatre Royal Plymouth, said: *"This week was all about marking our 40th year. The opportunity to perform on the big stage, the stage where people come and see the pantomime and all the other big shows, just feels really special and it makes them feel valued."*

Jane Pawson, Head of Learning at Theatre Royal Plymouth, said: *"The opportunity to perform on The Lyric stage means so much to so many people. We were delighted to be able to offer an opportunity for people that engage in our projects here at TRP to share their work with each other and their friends and family."*

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Watch a highlights video: <https://youtu.be/Mjw28N5eeno>

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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.