

Education Menu

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We work in theatres, museums and schools, for local authorities and for charities. We can provide a single workshop, undertake a particular project you have in mind or develop a new education programme for your organisation. This menu provides a few ideas. We are very flexible and we work across the UK and Ireland. If you have an idea for a project that you feel we may be able to help with please get in touch and we'll be happy to chat about, come and meet you or put it in action.

Events

Words Of War-words of remembrance

As featured on BBC Radio this "deeply moving and heartfelt" event focuses on lives touched by war and draws the audience into the lives, hopes and fears of soldiers, family, civilians and nursing staff. Includes the work of famous poets such as Wilfred Owen, Rupert Brooke and Isaac Rosenberg and that of many less well known writers.

Big Bad Wolf-The Truth!

Join Big Bad Wolf, the three little pigs, Red Riding Hood, Grandma and a host of your favourite characters in this amazing adventure. An acclaimed interactive children's production where the audience help tell the story. Aimed at 7-10 year olds but also suitable for younger children to watch, this very special production develops creativity and introduces key literacy skills.

'Any Title' -Interactive Storytelling workshop

Our award winning formula of interactive storytelling and drama where the audiences take on roles and help us tell the stories. We can either tell a selection of stories from our repertoire or we can concentrate on a particular story that relates to your study area or group. We can take any text-fact or fiction, myth, tale, story or poem from around the world, from a specific period in history or with a particular theme to fit in with your requirements. Perfect for bringing history alive or for introducing storytelling/writing.

'Any Title' -Live Reading Events

Bring exhibits to life with a live reading or scripted performance. We offer poetry, novel extracts, letters and lecture notes in character or delivered by a reader bringing exhibits to life. We work in museums nationwide and can provide readers or actors to perform appropriate material.

Workshops:

Half day/ Full day Drama, writing and Film workshops

We offer a full range of workshops from beginner to professional in most aspects of drama, film and creative writing. We have workshops for most GCSE/ A Level set texts and practitioners. We have a poetry, play and story writing workshops at all levels, as well as specialist skills workshops in film-making and drama-acting, directing, writing and technical.

Micro Films-One Day Film School

Anyone can make a simple film & we'll show you how- all you need is digital camera or digital video camera & a computer (PC/Mac) and if you don't have your own you can use our equipment! Originally developed by Theatre Without Walls for the BBC, you can use these easily mastered skills to create film versions of any text or event.

Beyond the Image- Interactive workshops for museums and schools

Every picture tells a story and we can put you in the picture. Participants take on roles and help us create and explore exhibits or artwork using role-play, forum and interactive drama. We can use any visual text, a newspaper article, photograph, painting, sculpture or artefact. Perfect for History, PSHE or Citizenship

How can we help you?

Theatre Without Walls provide the following services:

- Creation of live events
- Theatre production
- Creation of workshops
- Development/updating education programmes
- Creation of multimedia resources (CD, DVD, content)
- Community and youth project creation
- Creation of documentary or educational films
- Creation of education/teacher's packs
- Event Management
- Delivery and creation of actor in role events
- Project management
- Training of Staff and volunteers

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Education and Community Projects

Theatre Without Walls create & deliver media, theatre, visual art or writing projects to your specification. We create projects for museums, historic houses, visitor attractions, local authorities, events, theatres, arts centres & community organisations. We create professional media productions, live events and projects where members of the public or specific target groups work with professional practitioners to create things like site specific performances, youth and community showbuilds, film productions, museum documentaries, podcasts, CD's and radio shows.

Our Projects have been used successfully to add value to museum exhibits, as a focus to festival and civic events and to look at a particular subject areas and issues. Projects can be outcome or output focused i.e. focusing more on creating a high quality end product or more on the creative or learning process. They can be targeted at the general public or a specific group (e.g. children, young people, the over 75's, minority or interest groups). They can be used to focus on key skills areas (e.g. adult literacy, IT, reading), on a particular curriculum subject (e.g. history, geography, science etc) or a particular issue (e.g. bullying, racism, drugs, social exclusion etc). Projects have been used to focus attention to neglected areas, as a focus to community engagement, to develop new audiences and visitors, to encourage civic pride and social cohesion.

Projects can be arts venue based, classroom based or site specific –we have delivered projects in historic buildings, outdoors, in a forest, in a cathedral, in a marquee, at music festivals, in art galleries and even on board a tall ship. We can bring all the equipment we need or use yours. We are always happy to discuss any ideas clients may have or to suggest project ideas for any particular objectives you may have.

Educational events using actors

Actor in role portrayals

Historically accurate portrayals of figures from history: Our scripts are created from diary extracts, letters and other archive material in the figures own words. We can research, script and perform authentic portrayals of scientists, explorers, artists and other figures. These can be lecture style, tour guide style or character walkabout style.

Options include

- Actors in role interacting with your visitors
- Scripted recordings to make your displays come alive
- Poetry readings & Performances of key texts relating to your exhibits
- Historic lectures delivered in character from original notes.
- "Day in the life of" or "through the eyes of..."
- script commissions undertaken and performed.



Character Walkabout

We can provide any number of walkabout actors in costume and in character to tie in with your event. Past events have included figures from history, RAF, Army, Scientists, Horticultural figures, Fairies, Movie Icons, Ghosts, Romans, & Pirates. We can also provide stilt walkers, acrobats, fire eaters, fire breathers, unicycle, jugglers, clowns, living statues, punch and Judy etc.

The Plant Hunters

Meet the explorers who brought the world to Britain and Ireland. Every summer 'The Plant Hunters' tour Forestry commission, RHS, National Trust and independent parks and gardens in the UK. Meet David Douglas, Ernest Wilson, Robert Banks and others as they tell you tales and adventures from their travels in their own words gleaned from diaries, letters and other historical documents. Ideal for outdoor visitor attractions but also suitable for events, museums and galleries with a horticultural connection.

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Short Workshops

Carnival

A physical drama workshop based on carnival, clowning and grotesque character work. Available in versions for all ages from child to adult.

Go Walkabout

A physical drama workshop based on drama movement and story forms from around the world. Suitable for all ages from child to adult.

DIY Comedy Impro!

Ever fancied being a comedian? Improvisation games and activities where you create the comedy. Ideal for older children, teens and adult who like performing in front of other people.

'The big drama Calm down'

A restful workshop which combines relaxation techniques, gentle movement, breathing and sound-scape activities. Bring a bit of calm into your life, chill out for a while and then step back into the fray, refreshed and ready for anything.

Stamp and Stomp

A workshop for small people who like to stamp and stomp and the big people who look after them. Lots of easy, fun active drama games that adults often enjoy even more than their toddlers.

The Gargoyles Project

We are looking for partners to get involved with this national heritage project led by Theatre Without Walls.



The Gargoyles project is suitable for any location with 'Gargoyles', 'Green Man' images, carved figures, 'Grotesques' or other archetypal images.

This project aims to increase public awareness of built heritage and the inherent cultural history and to develop links between heritage locations. We will be undertaking community & education workshops, which will inform the creation site specific and touring performances. Please get in touch if you would like to be part of the project as lead heritage partner, local authority or a venue.

Drama, Writing & Media Workshops

KS2 & KS3

- ⊕ Create a play in a day or a week
- ⊕ Shakespeare, play in a day or a week
- ⊕ Micro Films: Make a film in a day or a week
- ⊕ Clown for a day: Pantomime
- ⊕ One day or one week poetry residency

GCSE, BTEC, A/s & A level

Drama/ English/ Theatre

- ⊕ One-day Shakespeare masterclass
- ⊕ One-day text or acting masterclass
- ⊕ Stanislavski- analyse & rehearse a play in a day/week
- ⊕ Brecht- workshop & create a play in a day/week
- ⊕ Total Theatre, one day workshop
- ⊕ Artaud or Grotowski: One-day immersion workshop

Media Skills/IT

- ⊕ Microfilms: Make a film in a day or a week
 - ⊕ Podcasts & Broadcasts-make a radio show in a day
- #### History or Science or other subject
- ⊕ Subject Focused: Make a documentary in a day/week

Adults and community outreach workshops

- ⊕ Create a play in a day or a week
- ⊕ Writing masterclass
- ⊕ Acting masterclass
- ⊕ Clown for a day
- ⊕ Microfilms: Make a short film in a day or a week
- ⊕ Podcasts & Broadcasts-make a radio show in a day!
- ⊕ Content Focused: Make a documentary in a day/week
- ⊕ One day or one week poetry residency