

Autumn Performance Companies Now Booking

Our term-time companies are a great way to explore **dance**, **drama**, **singing** and **breakdance**...or top up your **Arts Award**. For people of all abilities, it's a fantastic opportunity to brush up on your skills as well as performing in loads of events throughout the year. For more information, and to book, click here to go to our [Website](#)

Our Autumn Companies are now open for bookings and we are pleased to let you know that we have a new bursary award scheme to support the young people you work with to gain a free place for a whole year on either:

- **Garage Theatre Company (Ages 8-12 and 13-19)**
- **Garage Glee Company (Ages 11-19)**
- **Garage Dance Company (Ages 8-12 and 13-19)**
- **Garage Breakdance Company (Ages 13-25)**
- **Garage Arts Award Company (Ages 11-19)**

Places are available to young people that you are working with and who, due to limited financial means (such as receiving statutory benefits or other support) would ordinarily not be able to afford to take part and who may be experiencing other personal challenges which you think this opportunity would have a positive impact upon. This could include a variety of issues such as bullying, difficult/chaotic home lives, disengagement or exclusion from school; young people in/leaving care, young people involved in antisocial behaviour or subject to interventions from a statutory body such as the Youth Offending team etc. There is no set criteria as we know that young people face all manner of challenges and you, as referral partners, are best placed to tell us who is in need and would benefit from this opportunity and why. Our only other stipulation is that places should be used for young people that are not currently already members of one of our performance companies.

This is not a public scheme; it is for referrals only as we want to make sure that it benefits the children and young people that need it the most. Therefore, if you would like to refer a young person you are working with please:

1. Complete the attached referral form
2. Ask parents or guardians to complete the application form which can be found in the website link at the top of the page (this includes important information such as doctors details, special educational needs and health and safety declarations/duty of care etc).
3. Send the signed and completed forms to reach us before 5th September 2011. We will then be in touch to confirm a place before activities begin week commencing 12th September.

Please find a poster with details of each company which you can use to talk to young people. (This can also be found in the website link at the top of the page)

Please do help us make this scheme work by supporting us to reach those that would benefit the most, we only have 50 places and we really want to make them count! Remember this is investment in a whole year of activity for each individual, which means they can join three terms of any company/combination of companies, benefiting from 33 weekly sessions plus performances and other opportunities as they arise, including performances. They can even choose the Arts Award Company and get themselves a nationally recognised qualification!

Best wishes

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