

First Floor
for young people
What's on...
Spring 2012

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Intro

First Floor is West Yorkshire Playhouse's venue for you if you are aged 11 to 19 (up to 25 with a learning disability). Whether you want to try something new or develop your skills, there are lots of different music, drama and art activities on offer.

More information is available at wyp.org.uk or by contacting us (see back of leaflet).



Weekly Workshops

Pay as you go

For these sessions you don't have to book in advance or come every week. You just have to arrive in time for the start of the session and pay £1.50 each time you come.

Friday Night Music

Fridays 20 January to 27 April 5-7pm
(there will be no session on 6 April)

Come and try our friendly, informal *Livin' Vocaly* singing group and develop skills in harmonising, improvising, song-writing and performance. You are welcome to bring a friend, an instrument if you play one or just yourself! This term the group will be working towards a public performance on 28 April as part of the Leeds Canvas Olympic celebrations. Everyone is welcome—no experience necessary.



Saturday Sessions

11am-12.30pm (doors open 10.30am)

These are informal and fun, with something different on offer each week and a mixture of art, music and drama based activities across the term. Below is a list of this term's Sessions; if you want to know more about any of them please get in touch. (All materials and equipment provided).

T-shirt painting

21 January

Rubbish percussion!

28 January

Confidence through performance

4 February

How to be funny!

11 February

Costume design

18 February

Songwriting

25 February

Silent movie acting

3 March

Special FX theatre make-up

10 March

Stage management: tricks of the trade

17 March

Glee mash ups

24 March

Projects

Book in advance

For these projects you need to come each week for a few weeks (or for a few days if it's during school holidays), you must book in advance and be able to come for all the dates listed. Contact the Playhouse Box Office on 0113 213 7700 to book.

Breeze Arts Foundation

Drama

This course is for you if you are 15 to 19 years old and not attending regular education, training or employment. You will learn a range of performance skills, find out about different jobs in the arts, devise and perform your own scenes and gain an Arts Award qualification.

Wednesdays & Thursdays:

18 January to

29 March..... 9.30am-3.00pm

Age: 15 to 19

Cost: Free (contact us to find out more)

Soundscape

Music

You will explore the sounds of your city using rubbish, percussion, your voice and anything else you can find! Focussing on Leeds landmarks, from Briggate to the Town Hall, you will develop your performance techniques and create your own original music. (See the related Saturday Session on 28 January!).

Saturdays:

4, 11, 18 & 25 February..... 1.00-3.00pm

3 & 10 March..... 1.00-3.00pm

31 March afternoon (Celebration Event)

Age: 11 to 19 (up to 25 with a learning disability)

Cost: £10

Angus, Thongs & Even More Snogging

Drama & storytelling Half-Term Project

Explore the lives, loves and laughs that are the world of Angus, Thongs and Even More Snogging! You will have the chance to play with scrapbooking, storyboarding, graphic novel, drama and other storytelling techniques to create a world like Georgia Nicholson's. (Writing skills not necessary).

Dates:

Thu 16, Fri 17 Feb..... 10.00am-3.00pm

Sat 18 February..... 1.30pm (Theatre Trip)

Age: 11 to 19 (up to 25 with a learning disability)

Cost: £16 (includes ticket to see the show)

P.S. Keep an eye out for Bad Drama Competition projects in Leeds...



Raw Flow

Poetry and performance techniques

Working with First Floor, Leeds Young Authors and Phoenix Dance Theatre, you will use poetry, body percussion, theatre and dance techniques to create original poems and performance, which will explore identity, culture and the changing trends of Leeds. Your public performance in Leeds city centre and West Yorkshire Playhouse will reflect your views of Leeds and its people, united through the power of words.

Tuesdays:

28 February 5.30-7.30pm
6, 13, 20 & 27 March..... 5.30-7.30pm
3 April 5.30-7.30pm

Saturdays:

21 April 3.00-6.00pm
28 April afternoon (times to follow)

Age: 13 to 19

Cost: £10



www.leedsyoungauthors.org.uk

Get Caught Reading!

We will be launching a First Floor Book Crossing point at the Open Day on 14 January. (Further information at bookcrossing.com).

We also have plans for book borrowing and discussion sessions—look out for more info at First Floor!

Arts Awards

First Floor is an Arts Award Welcome Centre and all First Floor activities can contribute towards Arts Award qualifications. You can book in to one of our 'surgeries' for help or to find out more. Please contact us to make an appointment.

Saturdays:

28 January 1.30-2.30pm
18 February 1.30-2.30pm
17 March..... 1.30-2.30pm

Age: 11 to 19 (up to 25 with a learning disability)

Cost: Free

Urban Arts

Art, Music & Drama Easter holiday project

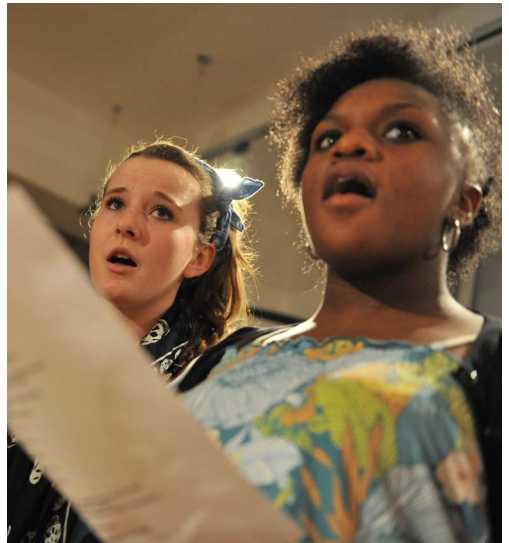
This vibrant project is your opportunity to develop or hone your skills in a range of urban arts including DJing, beatboxing, MCing and graffiti. You will work with specialist artists to produce performances and artwork that showcase your take on urban culture.

Dates:

Tue 3 to Thu 5 April..... 10.00am-3.00pm

Age: 11 to 19 (up to 25 with a learning disability)

Cost: £15





Projects

For young people with learning disabilities

These work just the same as other projects at First Floor but are designed especially for young people with learning disabilities. If you are new to First Floor please call us on 0113 245 5252 for an informal chat about access.

Chinese New Year

Art

2012 is the Year of the Dragon. Join us for this one-off workshop to make vivid and beautiful artwork inspired by Chinese New Year.

Date:

Sat 21 January 1.00-3.00pm

Cost: £1.50

Music Making

Music

Come and make music with us on three afternoons in January. Try out singing and percussion, and create your own piece of music.

Saturdays:

28 January 1.00-3.00pm

4 & 11 February 1.00-3.00pm

Cost: £5

Swallows and Amazons

Drama

You will explore the story of Swallows and Amazons by Arthur Ransome, looking at the themes of friendship, adventure and even pirates to find ways of telling the story through different drama techniques.

This project is for you if you already have some experience of drama through college, school, First Floor or a drama group. You will also get the chance to go and see Swallows and Amazons at West Yorkshire Playhouse.

Fridays:

9, 16 & 30 March 5.00-7.00pm

23 March 6.30pm (Theatre Trip)

Cost: £16 (includes ticket to see the show)

End of Term Celebration

Sat 31 March 2-4pm

Make sure you put this date onto your calendar! This is your chance to see/perform again for friends and family and celebrate each other's achievements at First Floor. More details will follow nearer the time.

Open to everyone—bring your friends and family!

Cost: Free

Open Day

Sat 21 April 11 am-3pm

Open to everyone—all welcome!

About us

First Floor is very close to West Yorkshire Playhouse. It is opposite BBC Yorkshire, next door to Yorkshire Dance and directly above The Wardrobe Bar & Jazz Club. Look for the bright red door!

First Floor aims to be accessible to everyone. We have lift access and entry is from the street via a buzzer. We have a large disabled toilet. There is a Changing Places toilet in the main West Yorkshire Playhouse building.

All activities are professionally led and supervised. If you require one to one support you are welcome to bring a support worker or carer with you.

We can sometimes help you pay to take part in Projects or Weekly Workshops, or we can help you get to First Floor, but you need to contact us to discuss this.

Contact us

For more information about First Floor or any of our activities, please contact the First Floor team or call in daytimes Tuesday to Saturday (Monday to Friday during the holidays).

Online wyp.org.uk/firstfloor

Email firstfloor@wyp.org.uk

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How to book

To book a place on any of the Projects listed in this leaflet, please contact West Yorkshire Playhouse Box Office on 0113 213 7700 or First Floor on 0113 245 5252.