

First Floor
for young people
What's on...
Autumn 2011

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Intro

First Floor is West Yorkshire Playhouse's venue for you if you are aged 11 to 19 (14 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/firstfloor 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 on time for the start of the session and pay £1.50 each time you come.

Friday Night Music

Fridays from 23 September to Friday 2 December (5-7pm)

Come and try our friendly, informal Livin' Vocally 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! 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.

Acting for auditions
24 September

Musical Theatre
1 October

Stained glass art effects
8 October

Lucky dip!
15 October

Performance Poetry
22 October

Creating music from nothing
29 October

News Room journalism
5 November

Lucky dip!
12 November

Song writing: Rock
19 November

3D Pop Art
26 November

Projects

Book in advance

These projects all involve coming each week for a few weeks (or for a few days if it's during half-term). You must book in advance for your chosen project(s) and be able to come for all the dates listed. Contact the Playhouse Box Office to book (see back of leaflet).

Breeze Arts Foundation

Music

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, create, perform and record your own songs and gain an Arts Award qualification.

Wednesdays & Thursdays:

21 September to

8 December..... 9.30am-3pm

Age: 15 to 19

Cost: Free (contact us to find out more)



King Lear Project

Drama

Explore the language of Shakespeare and the themes of greed, betrayal, cruelty and desire for power found in his famous tragedy, King Lear. Afterwards you will create your own original piece of contemporary drama based on these themes. Includes a trip to see King Lear at the Playhouse.

Tuesdays:

20, 27 September..... 6.30-8.30pm

4 & 11 October 6.30-8.30pm

18 October (Theatre Trip)..... 7.15pm

Age: 14 to 19 (You must be studying drama/performing arts or be a member of a drama group for this project.)

Cost: £16 (including ticket to see King Lear)

Celebrating Bhangra

Art & Storytelling Half-Term Project

You will explore different aspects of south Asian culture through storytelling and art. Develop drama techniques to tell traditional stories and create props and puppets for a sharing at the end of the second day. You will also have a trip to see Britain's Got Bhangra at the Playhouse.

Dates:

Mon 24, Tue 25 October 10am-3pm

Thu 27 October (Theatre Trip)..... 1.30pm

Age: 11 to 19 (14 to 25 with a learning disability)

Cost: £16 (including ticket to see Britain's Got Bhangra)



Dandy Lion project: Making Yourself Up

Art & Storytelling

This is a project for young people with a learning disability who are interested in telling their own story, whether real or imaginary. You can choose to tell your story in words, pictures or a combination of both; you can storyboard photographs, start a graphic novel or make a scrapbook—it's up to you! Writing skills not necessary.

Saturdays:

24 September & 1 October..... 1-3pm

Age: 14 to 25 with a learning disability

Cost: £5

Project Hip-Hop

Music

Led by top UK rap and beatbox artist, Homecut and the Hip-Hop Clinic, you will develop a whole range of skills including writing your own raps, beatboxing, singing and recording tracks. You will also have the chance to perform live!

Saturdays:

5, 12, 19 & 26 November 1-3pm

Age: 11 to 19

Cost: £10



Poetry Slam

Poetry Half-Term Project

Work with acclaimed Leeds-based performance poet Michelle Scally-Clarke and composer Christella Litras and explore the world of performance poetry. Develop your own skills in creating and performing poetry live and prepare for a live 'poetry slam', where you can perform in front of family and friends.

Dates:

Thu 27 to Sat 29 October ... 10am-2.30pm

Age: 11 to 19

Cost: £10



Wacky Jack

Art

Using the story, setting and characters of Jack & the Beanstalk as inspiration, you will develop an original piece of artwork. Attend the launch of an exhibition at the Playhouse showing your work and watch a performance of the show.

Saturdays:

5, 12, 19, 26 November 1-3pm

6 December (Theatre Trip)..... 6pm

Age: 11 to 19

Cost: £16 (including ticket to see Jack & the Beanstalk)

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.

Dates:

Sat 15 October &

Sat 19 November 1.30-2.30pm

Age: 11 to 19

Cost: Free



End of Term Celebration

Sat 3 December 2-5pm

Make sure to scribble 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 14 January 2012 11 am-3pm

Drop in any time to find out about new projects, join in one of the free workshops or just have a look around!

Open to everyone—all welcome!

Cost: Free



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 but currently no changing bed; West Yorkshire Playhouse has a Changing Places toilet.

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
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How to book

To book a place on any of the Projects listed in this leaflet, please contact the West Yorkshire Playhouse Box Office on 0113 213 7700 or book online at www.wyp.org.uk.

