



LEWISHAM YOUTH THEATRE

ANNUAL REPORT 2011/12



"It was a fun amazing experience. I got to meet so many great people it was nice to bond and make a great piece of theatre. It feels so sad to leave"

LYT Member

"LYT has completely changed her life – now she is positive, confident, assertive, focused!"

Parent

OUR YEAR IN NUMBERS

- 1 performance at a West End Theatre – Tristan Bates Theatre, Covent Garden
- 2 daytime outreach projects for over 16's
- 3 collaborations with local arts organisations.
- 17 young people in our Members Committee.
- 25 members took part in our Christmas Play.
- 46 young people took part in our Senior Youth Theatre.
- 161 young people took part in our sustained youth theatre projects.
- 113,495 pounds Big Lottery funding for project costs over the next 5 years!

OUR PROJECTS

April to August 2011

See Theatre

Thanks to the Positive Activities Fund and Team London, we took 110 young people to the theatre for free.

May to July 2011

Teatro Vivo Collaboration -

Junior Youth Theatre, 12-14s

20 young people took part in 8 weeks of exploration into new ways to create theatre. Members experienced Teatro Vivo's promenade performance of *Alice in Wonderland* in all the non-theatre spaces at the Broadway.

June 2011 - "Ananse and the School Journey"

Junior Youth Theatre, 8 - 11s

Based on the tales of Ananse the spider, 35 young actors created a new twist on the old stories for two performances in the Broadway Studio.



"I changed quite a lot. At the beginning I was very reserved but I am much more outgoing now"

LYT Member

July - August 2011 -

"Seeing Red"

Senior Youth Theatre, aged 18+

In partnership Diverse City, Clean Break Theatre Company & the National Youth Theatre, 10 performers created a curtain raiser in response to "The Quick," a powerful play about restorative justice, and performed at the Tristan Bates Theatre, Covent Garden.

Sept - Oct 2011 - "Woven Tales"

Junior Youth Theatre, 12-14s

20 young people took part in this short, focused project leading to a scratch performance retelling ancient Greek Tales for family & friends in the Broadway theatre rehearsal room.



October 11 to April 2012

Metamorphoses by Mary Zimmerman

Senior Youth Theatre, 15 - 21s

18 performers took part in this amazing collaboration with Irie! dance theatre & Rose Bruford with original music composed by Junior James (LYT Graduate) leading to performances in the Broadway Studio & at Rose Bruford's Theatre Symposium.

"The opportunities given here equal even those of much older professional actors. Definately a beneficial platform for theatre makers of the future."

LYT Member



December 2011 - Christmas Play in a Day

Our Members Committee coordinated and ran our first Christmas project for all our members. Parents & friends watched our scratch performance in the Broadway Studio.

January to April 2012 - "One Dream Between"
Senior Youth Theatre, 14-18s

18 performers continued our Greek theme by devising this performance in response to the story of Orpheus & Eurydice, performing two shows at the Broadway Studio in April '12.



Junior Youth Theatre, 8 - 11s (ongoing)

Weekly drama skills workshops, engaging 40 participants with targeted recruitment in 5 local schools.

February 2012

Greenwich Youth Theatre Festival

Senior Youth Theatre performed at the Tram Shed in Greenwich as part of this festival celebrating youth theatre across London.





NEW DEVELOPMENTS

STEP UP Project -

This exciting new strand of LYT's activities works with young people aged 16-21 not in education, employment or training (NEET) using drama to develop life skills and increase ambition and achievement.

This year's Step Up Project:

- **Dylan's Story** - Working with Central School of Speech & Drama 3rd Year Applied Theatre Students, this Forum Theatre performance toured to Youth settings borough-wide.
- **John Evelyn Pupil Referral Unit** - a 6 week project using drama to build confidence & increase life skills
- **Life Skills Drama Project** - Daytime sessions for young people aged 16+ who are not in education, employment or training.
- **One to One Mentoring** - Tailored advice and support with career & education choices.

Funding: We are very pleased to announce that we have secured funding from the Big Lottery Reaching Communities fund contributing to our project costs over the next 5 years and that our grant from London Borough of Lewisham is confirmed until 2014. This gives us a very solid base from which to develop and grow.



"From taking part in LYT, I learned that being punctual is very important as you may let others down as well as yourself."
LYT Member



Organisational:

In September 2011, we welcomed Jen Camillin on to our core staff team as our part-time Step Up Coordinator. She will work with 16+ age group. In February '12 Elizabeth Downie joined us as our part-time Development Officer, helping us to fundraise.

Tricia Odell stepped down for the Council of Management, while Jamiel Thomas (LYT Graduate) and Jacquie Spooner (Learning Mentor) joined the Council of Management.

Our Aims for next year:

- To commission a professional Playwright to write for the Senior Youth Theatre.
- To develop our daytime work with aged 16+
- To support a semi-professional acting & writing company for LYT Graduates.
- To seek out new partnerships with other youth theatres.
- To launch our new website thanks to generous support from Salesforce.com.

We say "Good Luck!" to LYT's 2012 Graduates:

Ruth	Lancaster University
Egheghe	Birmingham University
Emma	Accountancy Apprenticeship
Lakeisha	Professional Acting
Tevin	Professional Acting
Shelly	Croydon College
Krispian	East 15 Drama School

THANKS

Our Tutors: Chris Grundy, Franko Figueiredo, Gail Babb, Hannah Partington (LYT Graduate), Hena Chowdhury, Mischa Spiegel (LYT Graduate), Kath O' Sullivan, Lotte Collette, Lucy Read, Sebastian Constantine, Sammi Woollard

Our Volunteers: Anthony Brown, Charlie Hill & Segun Olaiya (Central School of Speech & Drama), Anthony James (Greenwich University), Alex Davies (Plymouth University), Alma Hiscock, Davina Nelson (Wimbledon College of Art), Daisy Jones, Deco Mitchell Rowe (LYT), Dana Baines (LYT), Ed Babb, Harriet Wilcox, Jennifer Kitchen, Liam Callanan (National Youth Theatre), Liam Hawes (Rose Bruford), Lucy Fiction, Nadine Tiedge, Paul Miller, Robin Lill, Stephanie Brown, Sophia Mason, Tanya Senior, Taz Akhtar, Tinga Ruwam and Janice Frank (Irie! dance theatre foundation degree students)

Patrons: Maya Angelou, Peter Fellows, Shirley Greenwood, Angie La Mar, Polly Teale

LYT Members Committee 2011-12: Amhal, Chris, David, Daryl, Egheghe, Finlay, Hannah, Jessica, Jenny, Molly, Rhianna, Ruth, Shelly, Simon, Sophia, Tyler and Tanaka.

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Council of Management: Andrew Lavender (Chair); Dani Moseley (Secretary); Dawn Rowe; Emma Humphrey; Jacqueline Spooner; Jamiel Thomas; Julia Fletcher

Advisory Board: Chris Stalker; Gaby Ojeda Triulzi; Sarah Ricca

LYT Team:

Artistic Director: Helen Stanley

Company Manager: Victoria Shaskan

Outreach and Participation Co-ordinator: Sheryl Malcolm

Step-Up Co-ordinator: Jen Camillin

Administrator: Josie Viney (to May 2011); Wendy Jackson (from May 2011- October 2011) & Chithmini De Silva (from October 2011 to June 2012)

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES YEAR END 31/03/12

TOTAL £	2012	2011
INCOMING RESOURCES		
Grants	113,363	91,611
Commissions	300	585
Box Office and Related Income	3,949	1,688
Donations and Other Income	13,786	265
Bank Interest	25	17
	131,423	94,166
RESOURCES EXPENDED		
Management & Administration of the Charity	7,115	8,967
Direct Charitable Expenses	92,804	81,134
	99,919	90,101
Net Movement of Funds for the Financial Year	31,504	4,065
Funds Brought Forward from Previous Year	34,352	30,287
Funds Carried Forward to Next Year	65,856	34,352
Auditors Frank S Lachman		

Partnerships & Volunteers

A year of exceptional partnerships – Rose Bruford, Irie! dance theatre and Teatro Vivo theatre company, giving members opportunities to see possible career & educational routes in the arts.

We have been working hard to create high quality work placements for students & volunteers. This year we worked with students from Central School of Speech & Drama, Rose Bruford College of Theatre & Performance, Greenwich University & Irie! dance theatre offering carefully managed experiences that inspire our young people and the students involved.

We have expanded our work with agencies supporting young people at risk including Child & Adolescent Mental Health Service, Family & Intensive Youth Support workers & those working with looked after children.

Thanks to our volunteer "Volunteer Coordinator" we have placed a record number of volunteers on projects.

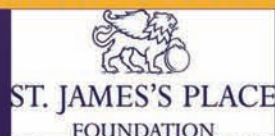
WANT TO TAKE PART IN LYT?

Call 020 8690 3428 or email info@lewishamyouththeatre.com

with your child's name, address, contact number, age and school.

To take part in LYT, you must live or learn in Lewisham and not attend any other after-school drama activities.

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