

Youth Advisory Board

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If you're **16-25** and you'd like to **shape how we tell stories** that entertain, provoke and inspire in Watford and beyond, then Watford Palace Theatre wants you to be a part of its Youth Advisory Board.

You **don't** have to want to perform on a stage or in front of a camera to be a part of **the future of entertainment and creativity**. If you are interested in developing skills in **leadership**, mentoring and decision-making, want to be a changemaker and gain valuable **volunteering experience** with a charity, or just want to know more about theatre and the arts, then Watford Palace Theatre needs **YOUR VOICE** to help us build our Youth Advisory Board (YAB).

To apply to become a member today, see details on the next page.





### What's On Offer

We'll work hard with you to make sure **your voice is heard**.

Our Youth Advisory Board is **supported** by the theatre's staff and Board members **at every level**.

As well as helping to **guide and shape our future direction**, we want it to be an **enjoyable and valuable** experience for you.
Here's what's on offer:

- Mentoring by Watford Palace Theatre staff and Board members.
- Opportunity to be a **founder member** of our Youth Advisory Board and set its priorities for the next 12 months.
- Experience **volunteering** with a charity.
- Get to know how an arts organisation works
- Make decisions that will shape the future direction of the theatre
- Opportunity to make new friends
- Invitation to **attend** events and selected performances as a guest of the theatre.

## **How To Apply**

Just send us a **paragraph** (no more than 150 words) telling us a bit about yourself and explaining why you would like to join the Youth Advisory Board. Please include your thoughts about **one issue** you would change for young people today and why.

If you would prefer, you can apply by sending a short video or voice recording of no more than one minute in length.

Watford Palace Theatre is committed to diversity and inclusion. If you have any additional requirements and need assistance with sending us your application, please let us know.

All applications and any questions should be sent to: takepart@watfordpalacetheatre.co.uk

Remember to also send us your **name**, email address, telephone number, and your age, and tell us your **preferred**method of contact.



# **FAQs**

#### What is the commitment?

The group currently meet once a month on a Monday evening from 6.30-8pm.

#### Where will meetings take place?

The group currently meet on Zoom, but hope to be able to offer in-person meetings and events at the theatre. However, we would absolutely facilitate and support anyone who needs to continue to join us online.

I've never been to the Watford Palace Theatre and I don't know much about theatre; can I still join?

Absolutely! As long as you have an interest in the future of entertainment and creativity, and are interested in learning about Watford Palace Theatre, then you are welcome to apply.

#### I have access requirements; can I still join?

Yes! We want this group to be accessible to everyone, so if you have particular access needs, please do let us know.

#### Will I actually be listened to?

We **know** that young people's voices are not always taken seriously or actioned when trying to make a change, and we want to assure you that at The Palace, you **will** be listened to. We can't promise the world, but we do promise to treat the ideas of the advisory board like we would any other member of the team.

'Being a part of Watford Palaces Youth
Advisory Board is an amazing opportunity for
young people to express their creativity and
get the chance to make real changes for such
a special organisation!'

Khadijah, Interim Chair of the Youth Advisory Board







