

National Youth Theatre: COURSES

There are many different ways you can get involved and develop your talent with the National Youth Theatre. From free nine month training programmes, to six day intensive skills-based masterclasses. Our courses offer young people a platform to learn, practice and thrive as creatives and as individuals.

When are courses available?

There are a range of courses available throughout the year. Masterclass courses take place during academic holidays; A London Theatre Experience, Epic Stages, Acting and Backstage Courses take place annually during the summer; the Playing Up Course takes place October-July and the REP company takes place April-December. Start Up Saturdays runs during term time.

How do I apply for a course?

You can apply for all of our courses online. Download the course guides to find out the best way to apply and if you are eligible. Some courses require you to be a company member.

What type of courses lead to NYT Membership?

Our summer Acting and Backstage Courses lead to NYT membership.

What happens when I complete a Membership Courses?

Upon completing one of our summer acting or backstage courses you will be a National Youth Theatre Company member. Members can audition for our shows in leading venues and can access external opportunities approved by the Casting Director's Guild and a range of membership benefits. During our 2016 season company members took part in performances at the Ambassadors Theatre and the Shaftsbury Theatre in the West End, the Royal Derngate in Northampton, the Hay Festival, the Finborough Theatre and the Arcola Theatre.

Who leads the courses?

Our courses are led by top professionals who provide industry based training with up to date knowledge on what is happening in the sector today.

I have auditioned for NYT courses in the past but have been unsuccessful. What should I do?

Many successful applicants have applied to NYT several times before they were successful so we always encourage those who want to, to apply again. If you feel that your audition skills/confidence are letting you down for our courses which require an audition you may want to apply to our Audition Technique Masterclass.

There are courses that I cannot afford but want to apply for. What should I do?

The National Youth Theatre provides free courses where possible. For Acting & Backstage courses that have a fee, we send out a fundraising pack to assist with raising money. (Many attendees have been successful fundraising the full fees in the past). There is a small bursary pot for those facing financial hardship and struggling with fundraising activity. Details on how to apply for this will be sent to all successful applicants on these courses.

Should you have any queries about how you can get involved with any of our courses please don't hesitate to contact us on +44 (0)20 3696 7066 or email info@nyt.org.uk