

## The NYT Bursary Fund in 2015



In 2015 the National Youth Theatre of Great Britain Bursary Fund awarded **£98,000** to over **150 young people** who otherwise would not have been able to afford to engage in our opportunities.

This included the chance to audition for and train on our summer Intake Courses, to be part of our talent development initiatives The NYT REP Company and Playing Up, to research, develop and perform new writing in London in the summer and to create a specially commissioned film for Sky Arts.

“The National Youth Theatre has given me so many amazing opportunities, from my intake course, to the Audition Masterclass, to Playing Up, to the Boiler Room projects and now with the remarkable REP Season - I am and will be eternally grateful for all I have learnt being an NYT member. I hope to carry on my learning with the NYT and to support NYT where I can for many years to come.”

- 2015 REP Company Member

## Courses

We gave **£41,200** worth of bursaries to **92** young people who could not otherwise afford to audition or participate in our courses.

The opportunity was great - it was my first time on telly (which my family got very excited about) and using the footage together with my showreel led to me signing with a much better agent , so it's really helped my career as an actor."

- Generation Sext participant, broadcast on Sky Arts on 29 July 2015



"The confidence and ability I've developed has enabled me to land a role on The Olivier stage: the ultimate dream."

- 2015 Playing Up student

"Challenging, exciting, tough, rewarding, wonderful."

- 2015 Epic Stages Participant



### The Clothworkers' Foundation Playing Up Writer's Bursary

**£5,000** enabled Sam Evans to write one of the two plays performed by our Playing Up students towards the end of the course. Sam's play – My Beautiful City – was premiered at the Arcola on Thursday 25 June 2015.



"When I saw our play being performed on the Arcola stage I felt as if the journey, the students' voices and my writing had all worked so well together in showcasing them as actors and also as young people with powerful voices. For me this journey was a tough one as a writer but it always was supported by the team and it was all worth it in the end to create such a beautiful piece."

- Sam Evans

## The NYT REP Company

**£25,000** of our Bursary Fund supported members of our REP Company, this includes The Clothworkers' Foundation NYT REP Bursaries for Cole Edwards and Francene Turner. The REP offers ten months of free practical training with industry professionals to some of our most talented members.



“The REP provided an extensive, borderline ridiculous network of contacts in the industry that are willing to offer their full support wherever possible. I'll look back on it as one of the best periods of my life. From me and my family, thanks so much for your financial support, I couldn't have done it otherwise.”

- 2015 REP Company member

## The Bryan Forbes Bursary

The second **£10,000** Bryan Forbes Bursary was awarded to former NYT member Matt Harrison. He was Assistant Director to the REP Company on all three of their West End shows, and he directed his own production of *Second Person Narrative* at the Ambassadors Theatre.



## THANK YOU

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Paul Roseby led a team of NYT members, alumni, staff and friends in a 10k run around central London who raised £9,565. Our dedicated runners were Afolabi Alli, Louisa Beadel, Karim Benotmane, Sophie George-Moore, Zainab Hasan, Simon Lennon, Kevin Leslie, Sarah Moyle, Paul Roseby, Anna Spearpoint and Jenny Wilkinson, and thanks to everyone who sponsored them.

NYT's Development Manager and former NYT member Roli Barker completed a Spartan Challenge and raised £207.50

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**"It's not just about giving money away just for somebody to have a good time, you're cultivating the future of this country's talent."**

- Rosamund Pike, NYT Alumna

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