

BUZZ Network Leaders' Training Labs

Application & Information Pack



Introduction

BUZZ Network is a three-year project to cross-pollinate best practice in youth theatre across Europe for the first time. Run by partners **BRONKS** (Belgium), **Youth Theatre Ireland** (Ireland), **Youth Theatre Arts Scotland** (Scotland), **Rogaland Teater** (Norway) and **Theater Bremen** (Germany), the project is co-funded by the Creative Europe Programme of the European Union.

Throughout 2020 and 2021 we will host **seven multinational artist and cultural leader training labs** in Scotland, Ireland, Norway, Belgium and Germany. These international exchanges will be a unique opportunity to learn, share and develop your professional practice with other artists and cultural leaders from over 20 European countries.

The **Leaders' Labs** are for professional youth theatre leaders, managers and producers at a key stage in their career. Between 2020 and 2021, the Leaders' Labs will focus on creative and project management skills that can influence their practice and sector back home.

The **Artists' Labs** are for professional directors and artists who create performance work with young people. Between 2020 and 2021, each Artists' Lab will focus on a different topic in contemporary youth theatre practice.

Leaders' Lab 1: *Professionalising Your Practice*

The first Youth Theatre Leaders' Lab will be held in Dublin, Ireland from Wednesday 10 – Sunday 14 June, hosted by Youth Theatre Ireland.

The five-day lab will focus on the theme *Professionalising Your Practice*, and is for emerging youth theatre leaders seeking to grow their skills and gain inspiration for developing youth theatre projects.

The multi-national group of practitioners will work together to explore creative and project management skills and resources which are particularly relevant to contemporary youth theatre practice. The Lab will help emerging leaders develop their entrepreneurial spirit and capacity as skilled youth theatre practitioners.

What will happen during the Leaders' Lab?

Participants in the Lab will come with an idea for a youth theatre project that they wish to develop further. Through a programme of workshops and presentations by experienced youth arts professionals, as well as peer-learning opportunities with fellow emerging leaders, participants will develop their project, and their professional leadership skills further.

- The Lead Artist and Lab Facilitator will be Veronica Coburn. Veronica is currently Artistic Director of the National Youth Theatre in Ireland and is a vastly experienced facilitator of youth creativity, a theatre director, and leader of youth theatre projects and programmes.
- Dublin will be the central base for the Lab activities. Visits to youth theatre organisations and projects in Ireland will also be scheduled across the five-day programme.

- The Leaders' Lab will run in parallel to Youth Theatre Ireland's annual *Leading On* masterclass for youth theatre practitioners. Participants will have the opportunity to engage in the *Leading On* programme and meet youth theatre leaders from across Ireland.

Programme benefits

- High-quality insights into international youth theatre best practice across Europe.
- Exploring the diversity of youth theatre practice across Europe, through peer-to-peer learning and group work.
- Developing your professional practice, broadening your network and increasing your confidence of working at a European level.
- Travel and accommodation will be provided for participants based outside of Ireland, from 10 – 14 June 2020 (Participants from Ireland will receive accommodation, if required, only).

Who will take part?

Applications are now open for artists who are interested in applying for this training opportunity.

- **2 leaders** from each of Scotland, Belgium, Germany & Norway will be selected.
- **4 leaders** from Ireland will be selected.
- There will be **2 places** available for leaders applying from elsewhere in the European Union.

Applicants will be selected who meet the eligibility criteria below.

Eligibility criteria



The Leaders' Training Labs are open to producers, managers and facilitators who:

- are at an early stage in their career, leading or managing work with young people.
- want to develop their professional practice and can demonstrate how the opportunity to work internationally will enhance this.
- can demonstrate how the Lab's theme, *Professionalising Your Practice*, will be of particular benefit to them.

Please note the event will be run in English only, and all applications should be submitted in English. Participants will need to be able to understand, communicate and work in English.

The programme of the Leaders' Lab is subject to change.

More information

For more information on the BUZZ Labs please visit buzznetwork.eu For details of upcoming labs and FAQs, contact BUZZ Coordinator Catherine Makin on buzz@ytas.org.uk



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Application Form

Please complete the following application form, in English, and email it to buzz@ytas.org.uk. The deadline is **10am CET (10.00) on Friday 27 March 2020**.

Name:				
Address:				
Phone:		Email:		
Employed by an organisation:	<input type="checkbox"/>	Freelance:	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Job title: (if relevant)				
Organisation name: (if relevant)				
I am resident in: (choose one)	Scotland <input type="checkbox"/>	Belgium <input type="checkbox"/>	Germany <input type="checkbox"/>	Ireland <input type="checkbox"/>
	Norway <input type="checkbox"/>	Other European Country <input type="checkbox"/> (Please tell us where)		
By submitting, you consent to the information provided being shared with the BUZZ partner organisations throughout the recruitment process. This data will be stored electronically and in accordance with the General Data Protection Regulations (please tick).			<input type="checkbox"/>	
How did you hear about the BUZZ Lab? This information will not be used as part of the selection process.				

We would like to learn a bit more about you and how your experience matches the criteria above.

PART ONE (Max 450 words)

Please **tell us about your practice** to-date, demonstrating:

- your experience of working in the youth theatre sector.
- why you want take part in the Lab at this point in your career, and what you hope to gain from working in this international setting.
- how the experience of the Leaders' Training Lab will influence your work back home, and those who you work with.

PART TWO (Max 150 words)

Participants in the Leaders Lab are asked to bring a project idea that they would like to develop over the course of the lab:

- Please describe your idea and why you want to develop it.
- This idea can be at any stage of development. It may be advanced, or simply the very beginning of an idea for a youth theatre project or programme that you would like to make happen.

You can respond to this in one of two ways; in writing (a) or in a short video, audio or slideshow (b).



a. In writing (max 600 words) **using the box below.**

OR

b. in a short video, audio or slideshow (max 3 mins).

Please send us your video, audio or slideshow as an attachment by email, along with your application, or provide us with a web address below where we can access it online.

Web address:	
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Now please email this form to buzz@ytas.org.uk no later than 10am CET on Friday 27 March 2020.

