

The Young Vic

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Dear

I am taking this opportunity to tell you about a major new initiative at The Young Vic. The Young People's Theatre and Education Unit is a radical development in the work of The Young Vic that will bring together all aspects of education and community work as well as theatre for young people and theatre by young people. One of the most important areas of the Unit's work will be the forging of a new kind of relationship with local schools. The Young Vic, as well as being a major producing house with a reputation for presenting both new and classic plays in ways that are particularly accessible to young people, is also a major local theatre for Lambeth and Southwark. It is a resource that should be at the disposal of schools. A centre of excellence and excitement but also a theatre that both understands and can meet the needs of contemporary education. The Young Vic is visited by educational institutions from all over the U.K. but we feel the centre of our work is with local schools.

I have recently been appointed as Director of the Young People's Theatre and Education Unit. My background is in teaching and in theatre practice and it has been my experience that only through a proper and open dialogue between theatres and schools can a truly productive relationship be established. To facilitate this I would like to invite you to a meeting at The Young Vic on Tuesday 3rd October at 5:30pm. The purpose of this meeting will be to open the dialogue between The Young Vic and local schools and colleges. (The meeting will last approximately one and a half hours). I would value the opportunity to explain the aims and plans of The Young Vic and in particular The Young People's Theatre and Education Unit. Equally important will be to hear your ideas on how a future relationship might be established and the elements you would like to see included in that relationship.

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