



In Good Company Support for Students/ Graduate Companies

Who?

Making a career for yourself is no easy task, wouldn't it be great if there was some kind of artist development scheme based near you? Well there is! In Good Company is (primarily) based here at Derby theatre.

We are here to develop artists, provide opportunity and support exciting new performance in the East Midlands. In Good Company was born out a consultation with our community of artists in 2014 and is now a multi-venue partnership made up of: Derby Theatre, Attenborough Arts Centre, Burton Brewhouse, Lincolnshire One Venues and Mansfield Old Library.

What we offer

We offer a range of Different activities, which can help you through your course and life after university, these include some of the following;

Workshops and masterclasses

We run a workshop/masterclass programme each season, these are designed to help in a range of fields We bring in prestigious artists from the industry to share their practice and inspire you to make exciting theatre! We also run more business orientated aspects such as digital marketing and working out what kind of business your theatre company should be. Our workshops are affordable and sometimes completely free! And as a University of Derby student you can assess any paid workshops for only £5! See what's on offer by visiting the In Good Company diary page here <https://www.derbytheatre.co.uk/artist-development-good-company/igc-diary>

The Artist Network

A mailing list that is sent out every other week. Here you can find out news of our latest activities, shows to watch, ticket offers, workshops, and job/funding opportunities from Derby Theatre and organisations across the UK. To sign up e-mail d.nicholas@derby.ac.uk and we'll add you to the mailing list.

Scratch Nights

We run scratch nights once a season for artists to try out new work, some of which are in the very early stages, others are a bit further along and just need some fine tweaking before being fully fledged productions. These opportunities are available to graduates, so keep your eye out for the next call-out. Students are encouraged to attend as audience members, as it's a great opportunity to see how artists develop shows, and also network in the industry, as you meet lots of professional artists and directors.

Departure Lounge and Cabin Crew

Each year we hold two annual festivals; Departure Lounge, taking place each summer, features a range of established artists showcasing new work, old work, Edinburgh previews, workshops, socials and everything in between. With many members of the industry coming to visit from all over the country. We have a special voluntary scheme for **University of Derby Students** to be part of the

'Cabin Crew', where you'll be given roles and responsibilities such as artist liaison, event management and more. Allowing for vital experience in the field as well as contacts with artists and industry professionals for future work.

Check In Festival

Prior to Departure Lounge and usually around April, we hold our annual pre-festival, festival. A two day festival at the Attenborough Arts Centre, where more regional artists are programmed via a call out. We frequently look for work that takes risk, is experimental, as well as works in progress. Graduates keep your eye out for call outs during the autumn.

Discount tickets

As a University of Derby student you are able to access tickets for shows for only £5, alongside this if you sign up to the Artist Network you are able to access pay what you can tickets (usually on studio shows, but sometimes others) after 6pm on day of the performance, if the show isn't sold-out (Suggested donation between £5-£10)

We are also on occasion able to offer discount tickets to shows and workshops and sometimes even free tickets, stay tuned to the Artist Network, or keep your eyes peeled on the In Good Company website to find out more.

Meetings with our producers

In Good Company is led by experienced producers, who have been working in the arts industry for a number of years. We frequently offer support to emerging artists, and regularly have meetings to discuss Arts Council Applications, Touring, and generally working out what to do next! **If** You need a brain to pick, we are here to help. It's never too early or too late to ask for help, so whether you're a 1st year or a graduate make sure you meet the IGC team, as they can offer you invaluable professional advice.

Find out more

This all sounds really great doesn't it? Take a gander at our website - <https://www.derbytheatre.co.uk/artist-development/good-company> to see what's coming up and what you can get involved in.

Want a meeting with one of our producers or to sign up to the artist network? E-mail igc@derby.ac.uk