



National Youth Theatre of Wales (NYTW) provides first-class training and performance experiences for some of Wales' most talented and committed young people interested in theatre performance and production. NYTW creates diverse, risk-taking contemporary theatre and is a flagship for youth theatre in Wales.

The NYTW *Aspire* programme invests in the development of Wales' most promising young actors by focusing on core theatre-skills, devising, performance techniques, and physical theatre.

In 2017, NYAW is broadening its successful *Aspire* programme in order to engage with more young actors. It is also extending the programme to provide development opportunities for young people interested in set design and construction, costume, lighting and sound, and stage-management.

NYTW will focus exclusively on its *Aspire* programme this year, in advance of auditions for NYTW 2018.

Who is it for?

Aspire is for young people in Wales (aged 14 – 20 years) who regularly engage in theatre through their school/college and/or with their local youth theatre company, and who aspire to another level of challenge and experience.

Entry onto the *Aspire* programme is via an Audition process. Young people can audition for both acting and production (there is an option to select 'both' on the application form).

What is involved?

Aspire offers an exceptional training opportunity over three short residencies wherein participants will develop a better understanding and practice of theatre performance and production.

Who will I be working with?

Tonya Smith and Jain Boon will lead the *Aspire* programme alongside experienced practitioners drawn from the industry.

When & where does it take place?

Residency 1: 21st - 23rd August 2017 Aberystwyth (*location tbc*)
Residency 2: 28 - 29 October 2017 Chirk (*location tbc*)
Residency 3: 17 - 18 February 2018 Cardiff (*location tbc*)

*Successful applicants must be available for ALL three residency dates.

How much does it cost?

It costs £310 covering all tuition, accommodation, insurances, two meals a day and a contribution to a social/welfare fund. Payment by instalments can be agreed with the NYAW office.

What if I can't afford it?

We are keen to ensure that no-one is deterred from applying for NYTW for financial reasons. All applications for financial assistance are treated in strictest confidence.

NYTW 2017 Auditions

Regional auditions for NYTW *Aspire* 2017 will be held during April. Applicants must be aged between 14 – 20 years on 31st August 2017 and must be able to demonstrate active involvement in theatre at an advanced/intermediate level.

What should I expect at the Audition?

Actors: The audition will focus primarily on your skills and flexibility in performing. It may include elements of improvisation, character work, movement, voice work and singing.

Production: Candidates will work together on a range of creative and practical activities

For further details please see the audition information sheet [here](#)

Where and when can I audition?

Acting	9 April	Cardiff
	10 April	Carmarthenshire
	11 April	North Wales (<i>location tbc</i>)
	12 April	Merthyr Tydfil
	13 April	Cardiff
Production	<i>Date tbc</i>	South Wales
	<i>Date tbc</i>	West Wales
	<i>Date tbc</i>	North Wales

[Note: all audition dates/locations are based on the typical geographical spread of candidates and are subject to change if there are fewer than 15 candidates per venue. Equally an additional date/location may be arranged if there is sufficient demand.]

How much does it cost to audition?

The audition fee is £20 (non-refundable).

Please send a cheque made payable to **National Youth Theatre of Wales** and post to NYTW, c/o WJEC, 245 Western Avenue, Cardiff, CF5 2YX or you can pay via online banking (please contact us for details).

How do I apply?

You can apply online by [clicking here](#).

If you would prefer to receive an application form by post, please contact us.

Application Deadline: 31 March 2017

Applications received after the deadline can be considered but only if places are available.

Further information

Contact 029 2026 5060, visit www.nyaw.co.uk or e-mail nyaw@nyaw.co.uk

NYTW is part of National Youth Arts Wales – a celebration of Wales' finest young performers, who are eager to share their energy, enthusiasm and considerable skills with as many people as possible, as they *Perform for Wales!*