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Here is a list of theatre production companies. Most of them we have worked with in the past and can verify, although a few we have only come across recently. If you would like to chat more with one of our staff about the different options do get in touch.

If you are hosting a theatre production, here are some top tips.

- Think about the venue. You need somewhere with a big enough stage space. Make sure you ask the production company how much space they need.
- Have a doors time and a start time on publicity. Make sure you start exactly when you say you will.
- Think about whether you want to provide refreshments.
- For smaller theatre events, think about whether you could use a coffee shop or an alternative venue to the ones traditionally used.
- Think about lighting and sound requirements – get all the specifications from the theatre company as soon as possible so that you can make sure you have everything set up for the night.
- Advertise widely and think about local theatre groups, arts groups, schools or colleges you can particularly promote the event to.
- Ask the artists if they would like you to provide a meal for them on arrival.
- Consider booking the theatre company as a gift to a local school during the day and then to perform in a community venue in the evening.
- Have a green room where artists can get ready and chill out when they're not on stage. Make sure there is water/refreshments available.

## THEATRE GROUPS

### **Applecart**

[www.applecartlive.org](http://www.applecartlive.org)

Working in live performance and film, Applecart is developing a nationwide reputation for its innovative combination of storytelling, music and drama. Often funny, sometimes moving, and always challenging, the Applecart team take nothing for granted as they drag stories from the Gospels kicking and screaming into the minds of a modern audience.

Applecart is a fully professional arts project. They are able to tour to theatres and festivals and tend to tailor their performances for each event. Creative Artayoung people to discover their individual self-worth and potential. ce, Big News in Bethlehem and Key Witness/

This event is not primarily about mission, but is an opportunity for church members to gather before they go out into their community and invite them to celebrate in the 10 days that follow.

### **Covenant Players**

<http://www.covenantplayers.org>

Covenant Players is a full-time professional Christian theatre ministry, fielding touring troupes which perform original theme-based plays in service to the leadership of churches, schools, prisons, social service agencies, and community and government organisations. Covenant Players is a well-respected resource using drama as a tool to address major social and community issues. Our method: to provide entertaining and thought-provoking material; to involve audiences in discussion and workshops, challenging and encouraging them to live to their fullest potential.

### **Going Public Theatre Company**

<http://goingpublic.org.uk/>

Going Public is a team of mission-focused individuals, based in Cardiff Wales, committed to investing in and bringing hope to every one life they encounter.

They provide theatre in education resources for young people, schools and youth groups covering issues in the personal social education curriculum (e.g. self worth, sex and relationships, alcohol, identity and mental health) emphasising the intrinsic worth of each person alongside biological and physical factors. They also tour nationally with our theatre company that is committed to engaging the heart and the intellect through passionate, humorous performances.

### ***Ice and Fire***

[www.iceandfire.co.uk](http://www.iceandfire.co.uk)

Ice and fire are a secular theatre company who explore human rights stories through performance. They are a company with a distinct, contemporary voice creating work of excellence across our four work strands: production, outreach, education and participation.

Founded in 2003 by Sonja Linden, the company sees theatre as the natural medium to communicate stories that make real and relevant the impact of human rights issues on our everyday lives: a dedicated space to explore and understand stories that are often passed over or ignored. Through active involvement with human rights themes they creatively respond to key issues affecting our society and the world beyond.

### ***Lantern Theatre Company***

[www.lanternarts.org](http://www.lanternarts.org)

The Lantern Theatre Company is a vibrant Christian Theatre Company based in the Lantern Arts Centre. They have been taking shows to schools, churches, hospices and community venues since 2002. They have a range of shows which tie in with different areas of the curriculum; the environment, healthy lifestyle, friendship and anti-bullying as well as shows telling the good news of Jesus, such as *The Hiding Place*, *Big News in Bethlehem* and *Key Witness*.

### ***NGM***

<http://www.ngm.org.uk>

New Generation Music is a vibrant community of artists who are passionate about art and life. Filled with creativity, we produce music, artists, dancers, musicians, artist training courses, innovative conferences, and much more. As artisans, they seek to bring beauty, excellence, and influence to today's music culture. We help transform people and communities through creativity infused with Christian faith and values.

### ***Non de Script***

[www.non-de-script.co.uk](http://www.non-de-script.co.uk)

Non de script is an innovative improvisational comedy group where everything you see and hear is made up on the spot, entirely based on audience suggestions. Through a combination of word play, physical comedy and audience participation, they provide you with a totally unique evening of fun and laughter. Based in London they are willing to travel anywhere in the South East of England.

### ***Pure Creative Arts***

[www.purecreativearts.co.uk](http://www.purecreativearts.co.uk)

Pure Creative Arts is a dynamic and multi-faceted theatre in education company that uses the arts (music, dance, drama and media) to challenge young people to discover their individual self-worth and potential. Through high impact productions and interactive workshops, Pure seeks to tackle those subjects that young people (and society at large) find the hardest to talk about. Where up-coming generations suffer from low self-esteem (and consequently struggle with issues such as eating disorders and self-harm), Pure works to get alongside those young people to empower them with positive coping strategies as well as seeing them through to a lasting change in their lives. Pure has been running for the last 8 years and works with schools, youth groups, local community groups and national organizations across the UK.

### ***Riding Lights Theatre Company***

<http://ridinglights.org/>

Riding Lights Theatre Company is one of the UK's most productive and long-established independent theatre companies. Founded in York over 30 years ago, partly through the initiative of a city-centre church, the company continues to take innovative, accessible theatre into all kinds of communities far and wide. Their aim is to create unforgettable, entertaining theatre which challenges us all to examine the world we inhabit and the ways we live amongst each other. While the company's roots are in a Christian ethos, their work is open to everyone, using faith as a springboard to explore all aspects of life.

### ***RISE Theatre***

[www.risetheatre.co.uk/](http://www.risetheatre.co.uk/)

RISE Theatre CIC is a dynamic community interest company creating original drama across the UK. From inspiring performances on our toes! We are passionate about inspiring people of all ages and abilities to discover their full potential. To innovative workshops, we have a current that keeps us fresh, creative and forward thinking.

Rise offer a wide range of products including:

- Fully staged theatrical performances
- Short impacting drama pieces
- Bespoke creative workshops

Depending upon your needs, RISE can offer you a multitude of choices that can be tailor-made to fit exactly what you want. All of their work is completely original.

### **Saltmine Theatre Company**

<http://www.saltminetrust.org.uk>

Saltmine Theatre Company passionately believes in the power of theatre to enhance lives. Through their productions, people from all ages and backgrounds can experience something different and be changed for the better. The Company has been touring professionally in theatres, schools and churches across the UK since it was established in 1985.

## **MORE ABOUT SHARE JESUS INTERNATIONAL**



SJI is passionate about communicating the good news about Jesus in our ever-changing times.

SJI's work covers three main areas:

1. Missional Leaders – leadership development has long been a focus for SJI. Over the past ten years, our leadership development programmes have seen in excess of one thousand young people trained to serve God in their communities. Find more details on the FRESH programme [here](#)
2. Missional Festivals – in 2008 we hosted London's first Pentecost Festival with over one hundred events, many of them free, in the heart of London. Since then the Festival has grown by collaborating with a wide range of organisations and churches. Now we are also training churches to run local festivals in their communities
3. Missional Churches – planting missional expressions of church locally, SJI is working to equip churches across the UK to be missionally focussed

*For more information please visit our website: [www.sharejesusinternational.com](http://www.sharejesusinternational.com)*

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