



Engage South East Summary Report

The South East Engage event was held at the Yvonne Arnaud Theatre, Guildford on 28 January 2007.

The South East was the second Engage event. A full report including information and findings from each event will be published on completion. However to keep our communication alive with the South East region please find below a brief summary.

Training workshop: How to write a play

Jane Bodie from the Royal Court ran a two hour workshop providing participants with transferable skills in writing. The feedback from both workshops was excellent, people found it inspiring and useful.

Round table discussions

Participants were asked how they felt NAYT could work within their region, how effective NAYT's communication is and Chris Sudworth spoke to participants about the benefits of sub regional networks.

Below are some of the general comments made by participants:

- SE is a very large area, difficult to sustain networks without a full time co-ordinator. People felt the loss of the regional development worker.
- People wanted more events for young people and leaders to come together, not separate events. Participants also felt that regional workshop weekends and big youth theatre festivals would be good.
- Training – was important and it was felt that not enough was on offer to the sector. Areas of concern were
 1. legislation and policy
 2. arts based workshops
 3. accredited training
 4. case studies
 5. Funding
 6. IT and websites
- There should be more careers advice for young people wanting careers in youth theatre.
- More advice about how to tackle community work and where to get funding.
- More mapping needs to be done in region before networks can be set up.

- Some youth theatres are suspicious of working together for fear of losing young people.

Conclusion

One of the very clear messages from this region was that people were keen to work together but needed someone to co-ordinate events and activities in order to bring people together.

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