



Guidelines for NAYT supporting Regional Networking

If you have attended an Engage event in 2007/08 we hope you are thinking of hosting a network event in your region! We want to actively encourage regional networking as any work done at a regional level helps NAYT sustain a National Framework for youth theatres, increasing development of new exciting programmes of work and improving our current services. NAYT supports all regional development work but our capacity is limited so here are a few guidelines as to how NAYT may be able to support you:

- Within your region you will know who is in the best position to offer to host an event, meeting etc. Once this has been decided the date, time and venue should be set by the host organisation.
- Contact should be made using the delegate list from your engage event to consult regarding the agenda.
- NAYT can email invitations and information to registered groups within your region on our database on your behalf, because of data protection it is not possible to give out contact details on other groups without their permission. However once your network is set up it is a good idea for groups to exchange contact details. The delegate list from your Engage event is a good place to start establishing a network group database.
- When planning your event we would recommend that invitations are sent 6 weeks before the event so please give the NAYT office plenty of time to send emails!
- Please give a deadline for RSVPs. NAYT request that RSVPs go directly to the host. If we still receive RSVPs we will forward them to the host.
- NAYT would like attend these events but due to staff capacity it is unrealistic across nine regions, however if you feel there is a specific need for NAYT to attend we will endeavour to do so.
- Unfortunately, NAYT cannot provide funding for any regional activity but we can advise where to get funding from and we will be providing more opportunities/events through the Engage programme.
- NAYT will be contacting all regional networks and greatly appreciates continued communication, informing us of activity and providing feedback from events when possible. Please utilise fully the services provided via the NAYT websites (www.nayt.org.uk and www.youththeatrenews.org.uk) such as the forum. This will help NAYT continue providing the best service for youth theatre development.

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