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MEET THE TEAM



DAVID

David Durant is The Associate Director for The Courtyard, Herefordshire's Centre for The Arts and Head of the Education, Participation and Programming department. As part of his role he is responsible for programming all the Live events, strategically leading the Youth Participation and Creative Ageing teams and directing many of the in house shows. Past shows include: The Jungle Book, History Boys, Lord of The Flies, Pride & Prejudice, Hansel & Gretel, The Snow Queen and Little Red Riding Hood.

David has worked for The Courtyard for over 9 years and in that time seen big changes; but one thing that hasn't changed, is the organisations commitment to Education & Participation, particularly through arts based projects.



ELLEN

Ellen Dorsett is the Youth & Communities Participation Manager at the Courtyard, helping young people to discover their creativity and develop their talents.

Ellen has been at the Courtyard for 6 years and during that time has worked with hundreds of young people through schools work and also through the Courtyard's thriving Youth Theatre. Ellen particularly loves directing and is passionate about providing many opportunities for young people to perform and platforms for them to showcase their abilities. Ellen believes that the arts play a vital role in a young person's development, especially drama. At the heart of everything Ellen does is the young people, and making sure the Courtyard is offering a varied, interesting and beneficial programme of work for the young people of this community. Ellen holds a BA (Hons) Joint Honours degree in Drama, Film & TV from Manchester Metropolitan University and is a trained Arts Award adviser for all levels.



LEXI

Lexi Greenall is the Programming and Participation Administrator at The Courtyard. Lexi assists David Durant, The Associate Director, and the Education Team to provide an inclusive and accessible environment that inspires young people to learn, develop and create.

With a career spanning over 15 years working in casting for a London based Management Company and a nationwide children's casting agency, Lexi has also worked in the public and private sectors of education and SEN.

A champion of the arts, Lexi is passionate about supporting drama in education and is available to inform, discuss and book your educational requirements



DAN

Daniel Pegler is an Education Officer and Youth Theatre leader at The Courtyard. He works with young members of the community to encourage individuals, improve and address literacy skills and help to build confidence through the medium of drama.

Daniel believes that the educational and outreach programmes at the Courtyard are unique and exciting but can also be life changing. Daniel himself was so impacted by the Courtyard's drama outreach as a teenager that it changed the whole trajectory of his life. With a passion sparked and a confidence instilled, he went on to study a BA in Applied Theatre from The University of Wales Trinity St.David, Swansea. Bringing him full circle to now being one of the Arts Centre's core drama practitioners.

Daniel also achieved an Elmley Foundation Award for Performing Arts. Whilst studying in Swansea he worked in several schools setting up projects funded by Arts in Action. Daniel is passionate about the work that he does and is a positive male role model for young people. Daniel specialises in circus skills, clowning, forum theatre, problem solving and stage combat.



BECKY

Rebecca Cook is an Education Officer and Youth Theatre Leader at The Courtyard. She is a trained dance and drama practitioner who loves the positive impact the arts has upon young people.

Rebecca has worked for various arts organisations across the Midlands before coming to The Courtyard. She loves its mission to captivate, inspire and celebrate young people across Herefordshire through a variety of different projects. Rebecca leads on our SEN/D outreach programme, making our work more accessible and inclusive both in schools and at The Courtyard.

Rebecca holds a BA in Film, Theatre and Television from the University of Reading and is trained in delivering Arts Award.

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TERMLY SCHOOLS WORKSHOP PROGRAMME

The Courtyard's Education Team run various workshops and projects that run throughout the school year, covering all aspects of the curriculum.

AUTUMN TERM

HEREFORDSHIRE SHAKESPEARE PROJECT

OVERVIEW: This project consists of 5 workshops looking at different aspects of a chosen Shakespeare play. The groups participating in this project will also work towards creating a performance that they will bring to the Courtyard and perform on the main stage for family and friends.

WHO IT IS AIMED AT: We would recommend this project for year 5 & 6 classes, but younger Key Stage 2 are welcome to participate.

OUTCOME: This is a great project for introducing children to Shakespeare and getting them engaged with and excited about the Bard's work. Performing their pieces at The Courtyard at the end of the project gives them something to work towards but is also a really nice way of celebrating their achievements.

BONUS: We provide an activity pack that includes exercises to help reinforce the work we do in the sessions, tasks that will help them prepare for the performance and homework suggestions.

ANTI-BULLYING WORKSHOP

OVERVIEW: We provide one off workshops during anti-bullying week. This can be a very popular workshop and is great as part of the schools programme.

WHO IT IS AIMED AT: For younger years (KS1) the workshops are based around friendship and for older years (KS2) the workshops look at the different types of bullying and what to do if bullying is happening.

OUTCOME: Young people have a good understanding of what bullying is, the different types and what to do if it is happening to them or someone they know.

FAMILY FESTIVAL WORKSHOPS

OVERVIEW: These fun, engaging and all-inclusive workshops will be run alongside our very popular Family Festival. Our team will facilitate workshops that are based on the particular theme of the festival. These workshops will involve a whole range of drama and arts & crafts activities.

WHO IT IS AIMED AT: All KS1, KS2 & KS3 students, including SEN/D students.

OUTCOME: Students will engage in new activities and create something that will be part of the Family Festival.

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AUTUMN TERM

CENTENARY POETRY EVENT

OVERVIEW: An event to commemorate and celebrate our local history and the sacrifice made for us, running alongside inter-generational projects bringing together performances and poetry about WW1 from across Herefordshire.

WHO IT IS AIMED AT: The Community of Hereford.

OUTCOME: To boost literacy and poetry skills in schools. Increasing historical understanding, creativity and confidence when writing and performing their poems.

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS SHOW WORKSHOPS

OVERVIEW: The Courtyard now produces its own Children's Christmas Show each year, and we offer workshops alongside it. The workshops are themed around the specific show and we are continually developing these workshops to make sure they are the best they can be.

WHO IT IS AIMED AT: Early Years & Key Stage 1 classes. We also offer a story telling workshop to nurseries as part of this project.

OUTCOME: Simple drama activities will get the children involved and engaged with the story.

BONUS: We provide an activity pack that includes lots of fun exercises that can be done in class and a CD with the music from the show for your very own sing-a-longs.



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SPRING TERM

WORLD BOOK DAY WORKSHOP

Overview: Workshops based around a book of your choice, a great addition to your schools celebrations around World Book Day. Why not book us for a full day and get all your classes involved?

Who it is aimed at: All Early Years, KS1, KS2 & KS3 students and teachers looking to bring books alive!

Outcome: Students engage with the stories and take ownership of them, whilst using their creative skills to bring them to life

ROALD DAHL LITERACY PROJECT

Overview: This project consists of 5 workshops looking at different aspects of a chosen Dahl story. Practitioners are assigned a school which they work with throughout the duration of the project, this helps to develop a good relationship between the practitioner and the schools. The project ends with the groups creating a performance based on their chosen story which they bring to The Courtyard and perform on the main stage for family and friends.

Who it is aimed at: We would recommend this project for year 3 & 4 classes, but older Key Stage 2 are welcome to participate.

Outcome: This very popular workshop really helps children engage with drama and develop literacy skills.

Bonus: We provide an activity pack that includes exercises to help reinforce the work we do in the sessions, tasks that will help them prepare for the performance and homework suggestions.

“The benefit from the program was remarkable and the skills the children developed transferred into their writing. Children grew in confidence and for some of our children the experience of standing on stage was significant. The children loved every session but also developing their own performance which was led by themselves. The progress they made was evident across the curriculum.”

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School 2017**

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SUMMER TERM

CHILDREN'S SHOW WORKSHOPS

Overview: Every Summer Term we have a younger children's show that comes to The Courtyard that we will run workshops alongside, in the past we have done workshops for 'The Gruffalo', 'The Gruffalo's child' and 'Tiddler'.

Who it is aimed at: Key Stage 1 & Key Stage 2 classes

Outcome: Schools can choose to have the workshop before they come to see the show, which is a really nice introduction to the story and gets the children really excited about their theatre visit. Or the workshop can be after, which is then a fantastic follow on and makes the most of what inspired the children (and is the perfect opportunity for them to re-enact their favourite parts!).

TRANSITION WORKSHOP

Overview: These workshops are specifically designed for year 6 students to help reassure them about the transition from Primary to Secondary school. It can be a daunting prospect but these fun workshops will use different drama exercises to address their concerns and will help them to come up with solutions.

Who it is aimed at: Year 6 students. However, this can be adapted for Infants going into Juniors, for example.

Outcome: Students will feel more positive and confident about the transition. This workshop is great for all students moving up to Secondary school but is particularly valuable for those who are feeling anxious about the transition.



ONGOING WORKSHOPS

These workshops we run throughout the academic year and can be booked at a time to suit you.

SCIENCE THROUGH MOVEMENT

Overview: These workshops look at bringing science topics to life through movement and kinesthetic learning. Topics we offer include Forces, The Human Body, Electricity and Space.

Who it is aimed at: Key Stage 2 Students.

Who it will benefit: Those who may struggle within a classroom environment but excel in practical learning. These workshops can either be used as an introduction to a topic or as a revision tool, particularly for those in year 6 preparing for SATS.

Outcome: Boosting students confidence and engagement with science topics.

PLAY IN A DAY

Overview: Create a drama performance with your class whilst learning about your favourite history topic – and all in a day! Students will bring to life historical facts and characters to create a performance that can be shared with the rest of the school. Topics include The Tudors, Vikings, Ancient Egyptians and many more!

Who it is aimed at: Key Stage 2 & Key Stage 3 Students.

Who it will benefit: This will be a class project that will use their knowledge, creativity and teamwork to create a performance that they are proud of and can even perform to their school.

Outcome: Students will feel more positive and confident about their chosen topic whilst boosting their performance skills.



ONGOING WORKSHOPS

MNEMONICS PROJECT

Overview: This would be an ongoing workshop which will address mnemonics and how it can help with any topic. We would look each week at a couple of ideas and also address any concerns they have when they are learning.

Who it is aimed at: Key Stage 1 - Key Stage 4 Students.

Who it will benefit: Those who may struggle within learning long lists such as months, planets or even rivers from smallest to largest. This can either be used as an introduction to a topic or as a revision tool, particularly for those in year 6 preparing for SATS or even GCSE students to develop fun and creative ways of learning and remembering information.

Outcome: Boosting students confidence and engagement with their literacy work and to improve spelling, and their knowledge of a specific topic.

SEN/D WORKSHOPS

Overview: Drama workshops aimed specifically for SEN/D students with our trained practitioner to boost confidence, communication and creativity.

Who it is aimed at: SEN/D students of all ages.

Who it will benefit: Students who will benefit from working in a smaller group, building on their life and social skills in an inclusive and accessible environment.

Outcome: As well as boosting a number of key skills for students, there will also be the opportunity to complete Discover Arts Award with trips to The Courtyard to see live shows and screenings.

These workshops are ones that we run on a regular basis but we also love to create unique workshops or projects for schools, whether it is curriculum based or to help with your end of year show.

We can adapt all of our workshops to different needs and abilities. If you would like to find out more about any of the workshops we run, please get in touch.

Workshop Prices on Application. Please email takepart@courtyard.org.uk or contact Lexi Greenall our Programming and Participation Administrator on 01432 346526.

KEY STAGE 3, KEY STAGE 4 AND HIGHER EDUCATION WORKSHOPS

As well as our termly workshop programme and ongoing workshops, which can be adapted for older years, we also provide a specific programme of work created for Key Stage 3 and above.

SPECIALISED WORKSHOP

Overview: One of our trained practitioners can run either a one off workshop or a series of workshops to support a particular unit of work.

We can provide the following workshops:

- Physical Theatre
- Clowning and circus skills
- Stage combat
- Dance in any of the following styles; tap, ballet, jazz, modern, street, contemporary, musical theatre
- Director's session

Outcome: One or more of these workshops can be booked to develop new skills, enhance learning and provide students with vital academic tools



OTHER OPPORTUNITIES AT THE COURTYARD

WORK EXPERIENCE & PLACEMENTS

Overview: We offer week long work experience places throughout the year. During their time with us students get to; experience working in each department, learn about the different job roles throughout the building, assist with events and see what is involved with the day to day running of an Arts Centre. Due to the nature of The Courtyard, every work experience week is different and each student will get a true insight into what it is like to work at The Courtyard.

We can also offer placements to students who are looking for longer term work experience.



INTERACT AT THE COURTYARD

Overview: This is an opportunity for your students to interact with a working Arts Centre. During INTERACT, the students will be taken on a tour of the building, have a talk from various staff members on their career paths and will hear about the different opportunities there are within an Arts Centre. There will also be a chance for a Q&A and free time to take a look round the Gallery.

Bonus: Give your students the full experience and book on to see a show as well, we can offer discounted tickets to selected shows and films.

DID YOU KNOW WE CAN PROVIDE PPA COVER?

Children can learn and engage with The Arts whilst still learning about their curriculum.

Our PPA cover offers your school;

- The chance to have a professional drama practitioner deliver your PPA
- Practitioners who will engage your pupils using different learning styles; Spatial, Auditory, Linguistic, Kinesthetic and Interpersonal.
- Drama workshops based on the topics and themes that your pupils are currently learning about.

Our Practitioners are highly qualified and experienced and can tailor make the PPA cover to best utilise that time for you and your pupils.

To discuss or book please email takepart@courtyard.org.uk or call our Programming and Participation Administrator, Lexi Greenall on 01432 346526

