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National Festival of Youth Theatre 2017

Event information for parents and carers

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This information pack is designed to provide parents and carers of young people attending the National Festival of Youth Theatre (NFYT) 2017 with a clear understanding of the event.

Dates:	Friday 7 – Monday 10 July 2017
Venues:	Ayr: The Gaiety Theatre (KA7 1NU) & Rozelle Park Campsite (KA7 4NQ)
Tickets:	Group bookings only
Price:	£150 per person: residential £100 per person: non-residential

“NFYT is not only an incredible social event but also a massive learning experience and has been one of the best times of my life”

NFYT participant, 2016

What is NFYT?

NFYT is the National Festival of Youth Theatre, the UK’s largest annual gathering of youth theatres.

This exciting annual event is the only opportunity for Scotland’s youth theatre participants to come together, discover a shared passion and develop as artists, audience members and creative thinkers. With an emphasis on inclusion, education and collaboration, NFYT aims to remove barriers, teach valuable life skills and provide extraordinary new experiences.

Every year NFYT welcomes around **150 participants** representing between **12-18 different youth theatres** from across Scotland and further afield.

NFYT is produced by **Youth Theatre Arts Scotland** – Scotland’s development organisation for youth theatre arts – in partnership with **the Gaiety Theatre**.

Can I come and watch my child perform?

We welcome and encourage all friends, family and supporters to come along and see the shows!

Tickets to all NFYT performances will go on sale to the public in June 2017 and will be available through the Gaiety Theatre Box Office on 01292 288235 or at <http://ayrgaiety.co.uk/>

What will my child be doing at NFYT?

During the day on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, participants will watch and perform in youth theatre shows at the Gaiety Theatre. In addition to a diverse performance programme, NFYT also offers a lively education programme of artistic workshops and structured social activities which aim to teach new creative skills and enrich the festival experience.

At the end of each day, NFYT coaches transport groups back to their exclusive campsite within the grounds of Rozelle Park. Here, participants can watch and take part in the entertainment in the performance marquee, socialise and make hot drinks in the snack tent.

Breakfast is provided at the campsite and lunch and a hot dinner are provided at Ayr Town Hall.

What's included in the price?

Residential weekend ticket price:	Non-residential weekend ticket price:
£150 per person	£100 per person
The Residential NFYT ticket price for young people includes:	The Non-residential NFYT ticket price for young people includes:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tickets to all festival performances • All artistic workshops • All festival social events • All meals • 3 nights' accommodation • All coach transport between the campsite and the Gaiety Theatre 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tickets to all festival performances • All artistic workshops • All festival social events • Lunch & Dinner • Coach transport from the Gaiety Theatre to the campsite for evening social activities*

*this does not include transport from the campsite at the end of the evening

Please note: The NFYT ticket price does **not** include:

- Travel to the event.
- Coach transfer between Ayr Railway Station and the NFYT campsite (if arriving by train). This is available for groups at a cost of **£5 per person** return and should be booked by your child's youth theatre group leader.

Participation in NFYT is available by **group booking only**.

Your child's youth theatre group leader is responsible for making this booking and dealing with all payments.

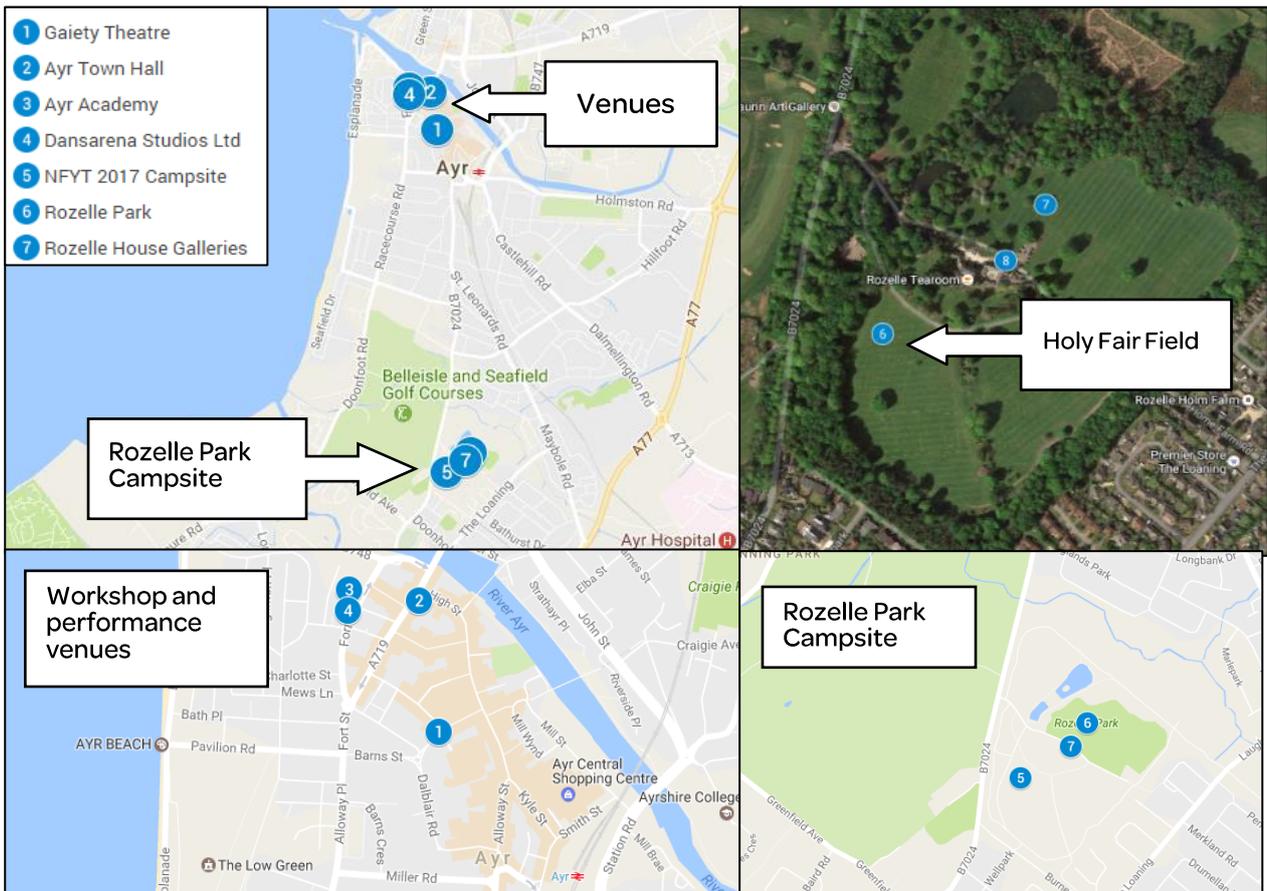
Where will my child be staying?



[Rozelle Park](#), Ayr, Ayrshire, KA7 1NU

Exclusive camping accommodation is provided at Holy Fair Field at Rozelle Park, in partnership with South Ayrshire Council. The campsite is served by portable shower and toilet facilities and campsite social activities will take place in the Festival Marquee. Breakfast will be served here too. Festival participants will share the campsite with the NFYT staff team and campsite wardens will ensure the welfare and safety of all young people.

Rozelle Park campsite will be open **from 10am on Friday 7 July** for groups to arrive and pitch tents.



What will my child need to take to NFYT?

There are no restrictions on what participants can bring with them to ensure their stay at NFYT is as comfortable as possible.

We **strongly recommend** that your child brings the following equipment as an absolute minimum:

- A robust, weather-proof tent* which has been tested and which your child knows how to erect
- A sleeping mat or airbed
- A warm sleeping bag
- A torch
- Several layers of warm clothing including a waterproof jacket
- A pair of wellies

*Pop-up tents are **NOT** suitable for NFYT.

To help participants prepare for the weekend, their youth theatre group leader will issue a full **NFYT Kit List** in advance of the event. Please make sure that your child reads this carefully.

What will they eat?

The following meals are included in the NFYT ticket price:

	Residential				Non-residential		
	Breakfast	Lunch	Dinner		Breakfast	Lunch	Dinner
Fri 7 Jul*			✓	Fri 7 Jul			✓
Sat 8 Jul	✓	✓	✓	Sat 8 Jul		✓	✓
Sun 9 Jul	✓	✓	✓	Sun 9 Jul		✓	✓
Mon 10 Jul**	✓			Mon 10 Jul			

*Please ensure your child brings a **packed lunch** with them to eat at Holy Fair Field campsite, Rozelle Park on Friday 7 July.

**Your child will leave NFYT after breakfast on Monday 10 July.

Sample menus:

Breakfast	Lunch	Dinner
Juice Tea & Coffee Cereal Fresh Fruit Fresh rolls – bacon or vegetarian sausage	Porridge Croissants Yoghurt	Soup Sandwiches Fresh fruit / cake Juice
		Choice of meat or vegetable hot dish Choice of salads Fruit salad / pudding

Your child's youth theatre leader will ask all young people to submit details of **specific dietary requirements** in advance of the event. Regretfully we are not able to provide for dietary requirements requested on the day.

Who will be looking after my child?

Youth Theatre Arts Scotland operates a robust Child Protection Policy. If you would like more details about this policy please contact us on **0131 538 0591**.

As your child's safety is of paramount importance to us while they are at NFYT 2017, there will be a Youth Theatre Arts Scotland Child Protection Officer on site. However, please be aware that **the ultimate responsibility for the welfare of your child lies with their individual youth theatre group leader(s)** for the duration of the event.

Youth Theatre Arts Scotland issues all group leaders with comprehensive Child Protection Guidelines and asks them to demonstrate their understanding of their role with regard to health and welfare by:

- providing an up-to-date copy of their youth theatre's own **Child Protection Policy** in advance;
- requesting that all parents and carers complete a **Consent Form** to confirm that you agree to your child attending the event;
- **keeping an accurate attendance record** during NFYT in case of evacuation; and
- ensuring that the strict NFYT policy of **no alcohol* or illegal drugs** is enforced at all times.

*due to event insurance requirements this also applies to participants, youth theatre group leaders and event staff over the age of 18.

About Youth Theatre Arts Scotland



Youth Theatre Arts Scotland transforms lives through youth theatre by developing inspiring participatory opportunities for young people in Scotland, and connecting, supporting and training the professionals who work with them.

To find out more please call **0131 538 0591** or visit www.ytas.org.uk and www.facebook.com/YTArtsScot

I have some more questions . . .

If you have any further questions about NFYT please contact your child's **youth theatre group leader** in the first instance.

If they are unable to answer your question, please contact **Olivia Ainsworth, Projects Administrator, Youth Theatre Arts Scotland** on **0131 538 0591** or at olivia@ytas.org.uk.