

NATIONAL FESTIVAL OF YOUTH THEATRE



**One-Day Ticket
Information 2026**



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Introduction

Scotland's National Festival of Youth Theatre (NFYT) is the largest biennial gathering of youth theatres in the UK. Over the course of a weekend, the festival will bring Inverness to life in an explosion of creative talent. Young people aged 14-22 from across Scotland will come together to discover, share and celebrate their passion for youth theatre arts.

With an emphasis on inclusion, education and collaboration, the festival aims to remove barriers, teach valuable life skills and provide extraordinary new experiences. We hope you can join us!

The National Festival of Youth Theatre is produced by **Youth Theatre Arts Scotland** (YTAS), in partnership with **Eden Court Highlands** and **Highland Council**.

If you have any questions about the event, please contact YTAS on **0131 538 0591**.

The One-Day Ticket

NFYT is a place where youth theatre participants come together and develop as artists, audience members and creative thinkers. To make the festival accessible to groups who may not have attended previously, or who aren't able to commit to the full weekend event, we are pleased to offer a one-day ticket option (for **Saturday 4 July 2026**).

Attending as part of their youth theatre group, one-day participants will take part in two artistic workshops, watch a festival show and mix with other youth theatre groups over lunch at Eden Court.

Date: Saturday 4 July 2026

Venue: Eden Court, Inverness

Tickets: £65 - £85 per participant. Group bookings only.

Discounts: Two FREE group leader places per group.
Access Bursaries available.

Ticket type	Approx. time	Activity
£65 Ticket	From 10.45am	Arrive at Eden Court
	11.15am	<p>Artistic Workshop One</p> <p>Our team of professional facilitators will offer a diverse range of artistic workshops that your young people will take part in over the festival. These workshops will teach new skills, challenge perceptions of various theatre styles and even create micro performances.</p> <p>This year, the engagement team at Eden Court will add to the programme, showcasing some of their unique repertoire and giving participants the chance to explore dance, movement, film, and the inspirational history and environment that surrounds the theatre.</p> <p>Groups attending for one day will be integrated with other youth theatres for their workshops, based on ages. Details of workshop topics will be shared with you in May.</p>
	1pm	Lunch at Eden Court
	2.15pm	<p>Performance: <i>The Witch Show (Young Quines)</i></p> <p>Performances at NFYT 2026 will take place at Eden Court. This is a great opportunity for your group to watch their peers perform and to ask questions about the artistic process at a post-show discussion. Full details of the performance programme will be shared with you in May.</p>
	3.30pm	<p>Artistic Workshop Two</p> <p>Time to try out another new skill! Again, groups attending for one day will be integrated with other youth theatres for their workshops, based on ages.</p>
	5pm	Finish
	Upgrade to include dinner and evening performance	
£85 Ticket (includes all the above and more)	6pm	Dinner
	7.15pm	Performance: <i>Heart of the Storm (Strange Town)</i>

The festival performance programme is open to the public, and youth theatre groups not attending other elements of the event are more than welcome to come and see individual shows. If you would just like to bring your group to see a show (without also attending artistic workshops) please email nfyt@ytas.org.uk and we will help you to sort out tickets. An overview of the full festival performance programme will be available on our website from the week beginning **Monday 13 April, 2026**.

What happens next?

One-day tickets to attend NFYT 2026 are limited and will be allocated to groups on a **first come, first served basis**. We strongly recommend that you complete and return your booking form as early as possible to avoid disappointment. Booking will close once all tickets have sold out, or on **Friday 12 June**, whichever occurs first.

To make a group booking for One-Day Tickets, please complete the **NFYT One-Day Booking Form**, [linked here](#), by **5pm on Friday 12 June**.

Once a booking form has been submitted, we will be in touch with further information about workshops, venues and to assess any access requirements. We recognise that making plans to attend NFYT can be a daunting task and we are here to help! If you require more support in planning your trip or completing your booking, please email nfyt@ytas.org.uk or call **0131 538 0591**.

Terms and Conditions and payment process

Payment: Once you have submitted your booking form, YTAS will issue an invoice to pay for your group's attendance.

You can either pay the full amount or request to pay in instalments. If you choose to pay in instalments, a **non-refundable** deposit of 25% is required to secure your group's booking for NFYT 2026.

Cancellation: Any booking which has been paid in full and is cancelled **before Monday 1 June 2026** will be refunded 75% of the total booking fee. Any booking cancelled **after Monday 1 June 2026** will not be refunded.

Help to Attend the Festival

NFYT has always aimed to be an inclusive event, bringing together a wide range of youth theatre groups, participants and leaders to celebrate their shared passion. In recent years, we've received growing interest from youth groups who support young people that may experience barriers to attending the festival.

We have been on hand to help these groups as they plan and fundraise to attend NFYT. We have also been able to make adaptations to the festival to meet different access requirements, including BSL interpreters (ensuring that all our workshops and performances are D/deaf accessible) and accessible facilities at our festival and campsite.

This year we want to continue to put access and inclusion at the heart of our festival. Thanks to support from our funders, we will enable more disabled and disadvantaged youth theatre participants to experience the benefits of attending NFYT. In addition to the support we offer with planning, fundraising or festival adaptations, in 2026 we will continue to offer an **NFYT Access Bursary** to help support disability or financial access. Groups can apply for an **NFYT Access Bursary** to reduce participant fees by up to one third, or to help fund any access costs unique to your group:

- **Financial Access** - we are keen to support groups which might face additional financial barriers to attend the festival. Support requested might include reducing participant fees by up to one third or helping to subsidise travel costs to attend the festival.

Bursaries are available to groups working with young people from the 20% most deprived areas listed by the Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation (SIMD)*. You can find out more about the SIMD and look up individual postcodes here <https://simd.scot/>

**If your group or a participant faces additional financial barriers but don't qualify through their postcode's SIMD status, please get in touch with YTAS to discuss bursary eligibility.*

- **Disability Access** - we will work with groups to ensure any access needs can be met during the festival and they can apply for support towards costs such as: an additional access support worker or additional access transport costs incurred.

If you would like to discuss your group's access requirements further, please email nfytytas.org.uk



Please note that as of 27 March, the Access Bursary budget has all been allocated for 2026. However, we are still fundraising and are committed to supporting as many young people to access the festival as possible. If you are interested in receiving an Access Bursary for your group, we will welcome continued applications and will respond to them on a first-come-first-served basis, if and when new funds become available. Due to the nature of the fundraising, we cannot guarantee a timeline but will contact you regardless to discuss options.

Continued applications will help us to have a full picture of the level of need for fundraising in future years, so please do still complete the online application form, [linked here](#).

About Youth Theatre Arts Scotland

We are Scotland's national development body for youth theatre.

We support inspiring experiences for young people by connecting and training the people who work with them. We celebrate and encourage ambition, innovation and progression, supporting a membership of around 100 youth theatre organisations and practitioners all across Scotland, who engage around 22,000 young people in youth theatre activity every week.

We deliver our work through...

- sector support
- sector development
- youth theatre events and projects
- sector research and advocacy.

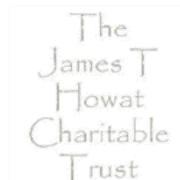


To find out more please visit ytas.org.uk

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