



SUPPORTING YOUNG PEOPLE TO SHINE

WHAT'S UP

2025 SUMMER NEWSLETTER

What we've been UP to . . .

We're halfway through the summer term, and WOW have we hit the ground running!

Our first ever Easter Youth Project of Shakespeare's *The Tempest* resulted in an outstanding production by our incredibly talented cast! We can't wait to get cracking with our Summer Youth Project of *Frozen Jr...* and there's still time to book on!

Our LAMDA students are working hard to get ready for their summer exams, after last year's very successful results of all merits and distinctions.

We've had a super fun trip to the Mayflower Theatre to see *Hamilton*, and bookings are open for next year's trip to see *Matilda*.

Our parent company Unexpected Places performed a wonderful community led production of *Stories from the Station*, using the voices of local residents to create their poignant production.

We have SO many performances coming up in the rest of the summer term, from nearly every single Light UP group. Tickets are on sale, and we are so excited to share all the fun and hard work our Light UP members have been doing this summer.

Details of all our upcoming shows, events, and projects are below, and we look forward to see everyone again in June!



WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS!

Arthur, Aryian, Lucy, Jessica, Daisy, Toby, Indie, Emily, Daniel, Charlotte, Maja, Seeana, Alaia, Felicity, Astrid, Lily, Ada, Evelyn, Katie, Rose, Mia, Ahyoka, Angela, Alice, Bryn, Polly, Archie, Beatrice, Abigail, Coralie

SUMMER TERM 2025



Term 2: WB 2nd Jun - 14th Jul

AUTUMN TERM 2025

Term 1: WB 15th Sept - 20th Oct

Term 2: WB 3rd Nov - 15th Dec

Five Children and It

2024/25
Combined Company Production

An incredible weekend in February showed not just talent, but a community on full display as our Youth Theatre Company came together for our 2nd annual combined company production of, 'Five Children and It.' Although we'd been working behind the scenes on this production since September the time sped past and we enjoyed every minute of watching our cast explore, play and grow as they brought this story from script to stage with care and commitment.

Working with a cast of over 60 young performers, they thrived along every step of the way, constantly stunning us with their talent, dedication and enthusiasm. The support they all showed each other during rehearsals is inspiring to see, and from the youngest to the oldest cast member we are so incredibly proud of what they achieved together!

An enormous thank you to all the parents, friends, and volunteers who have supported us throughout this production - without you it wouldn't have been possible to Light UP this show and make so many wishes come true. And we'd be very lucky to have you all with us again as we head to Wonderland for next year's Combined Production: Alice in Wonderland!

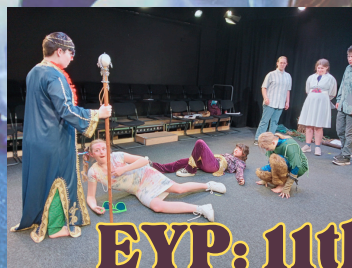


SHIRLEY ADVANCED
PRESENTS

THE SIGNALMAN



15 MARCH 2025



EYP: 11th April

UNEXPECTED
PLACES

Keeping Well CREATIVELY



SIGN UP FOR STAGE 3!

Participate in up to 5 FREE Youth Social Action planning sessions to launch our project in September with the goal of developing a stronger wellbeing infrastructure in the charity's policies and Youth Board strategies ensuring a long lasting legacy. Nominate and appoint a Youth Board Wellbeing Lead and celebrate the success of the project!

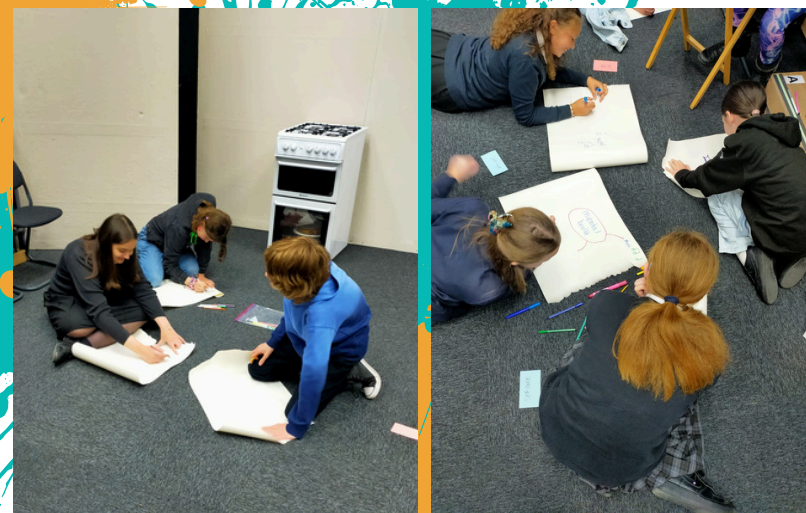


PROJECT OBJECTIVES

- Equip young people with the **tools** to manage their own mental health and wellbeing through creative expression empowering them to be **'Wellbeing Champions'**
- Establish **peer-led support** networks within Light UP
- **Foster inclusivity and self-acceptance**, ensuring all participants feel valued
- Co-create a **Youth Social Action** project, embedding sustainable creative health practices into Light UP
- Appoint a **Wellbeing Lead** to the UP Youth Board, ensuring that project learnings shape future charity initiatives.

BENEFITS OF PARTICIPATION

- 💡 Use creativity to explore mental health & wellbeing
- 💬 Gain confidence & support your peers
- 🚀 Build leadership skills & boost your CV
- 🆓 Completely FREE to join + travel funding available
- 📍 Sessions based on your schedule & location
- 💡 Be part of a youth-led project making real change
- 👉 Open to young people aged 10-20! No experience needed—just a passion for creativity & supporting others.



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youth social action


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COMING EVENTS



Playwriting Workshop w/Rosie S
28/3 from 10:00 - 1:00pm at Hamble Memorial Hall
£15 for LUP members/alumni 12+



DOING YOUTH THEATRE DIFFERENTLY

Exam Prep Workshops

ALL GRADES DROP IN:
24/5 - 10:00 to 1:00 at Maskers

PERFORMANCE READY:
21/6 - 1:30 to 4:30 at The Hilt (Entry - G3)
29/6 - 10:00 to 1:00 at Maskers (G4+)



Get Naughty with friends on our 2026 Group Trip!

Deadline to Book is 15/6/25, invoices to be issued and paid by 30/6/25



SUMMER 2025 LINE UP

- 14/6**, *After Juliet* at Maskers
- 29/6**, *Mixed Up Fairy Tale*, Shirley Jr.
- 4/7**, *The Great British Bump Off*, Warsash Company
- 9/7**, *Matilda*, Home Ed
- 13/7**, Tentative Performances at St. James Park Summer Fair
- 14/7**, *The Changing Room*, Chandlers Ford Company
- 16/7**, *Fairy Tale Courtroom: Witch on Trial*, Hamble Company
- 17/7**, Musical Theatre Company Summer Cabaret
- 18/7**, *The Trials* at Groundlings Theatre Portsmouth
- 19/7**, *The Grimm Gathering*, Shirley Company
- 20/7**, *The Trials* at Maskers
- 2/8**, *Frozen Jr* at The Hilt
- 11/8 - 16/8**, *After Juliet* at The Space (Edinburgh Fringe)
- 30/8**, Light UP Summer Fair at YMCA Fairthorne Manor

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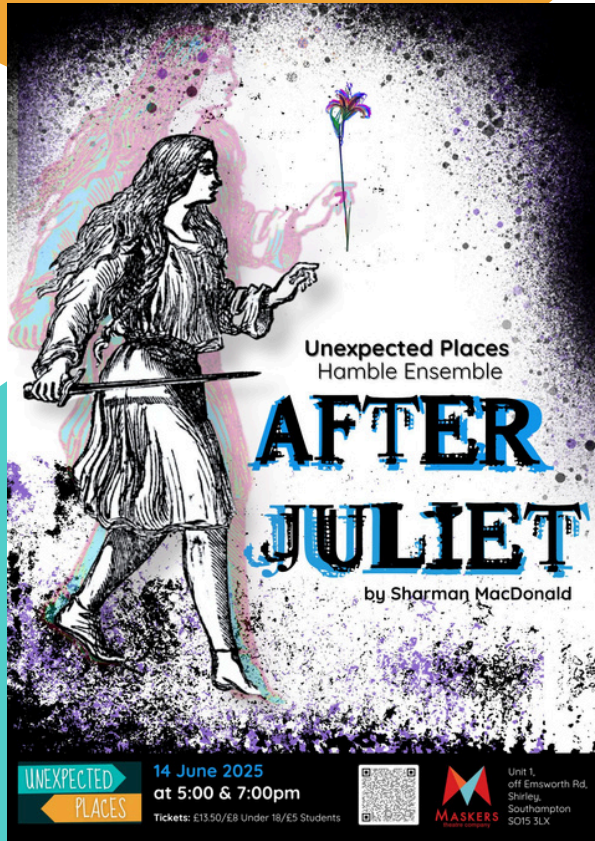
PERFORMANCES



www.ticketsource.co.uk/light-up

LUP SPOTLIGHT

HAMBLE ENSEMBLE



Romeo and Juliet are dead.

Peace has been ordered, but a tense truce holds between Capulets and Montagues after the death of Romeo and Juliet. After bitterly blaming her cousin Juliet for her love Romeo's death, Rosaline is bent on revenge. Torn between being voted the Capulet's new Prince of Cats, and giving into the grief that torments her mind, this thrilling sequel shows the consequences of Romeo and Juliet's actions.

Performed by the Hamble Ensemble

- **14th June - Maskers Theatre**
Book your tickets now!

- 11th - 16th August -
Edinburgh Fringe Festival



WARSASH ADVANCED



Set in a not-so-distant future, The Trials sees three adults prosecuted for their roles in the environmental catastrophe. Their fates lie in the hands of a jury of young people, forced to judge the past to protect what's left of the future. Harrowing, provocative, and eerily plausible, the play demands a reckoning and asks: What would you have done?

Performed by Warsash Advanced

- 18th July - Groundlings Theatre
- 20th July - Maskers Theatre



at Groundlings



at Maskers

Disney FROZEN JR.

SUMMER YOUTH PROJECT 2025

The doors of Arendelle castle are opening up to welcome our 7th annual Summer Youth Project cast of Frozen and you're invited! Learn new skills, make new friends and have a ton of fun putting on a show with our professional team of directors and creatives. We welcome members and non-members aged 7-18 of all skill levels, whether you have an interest in acting, singing, dancing, backstage support there is a role and a place for everyone to 'let it go' this summer!

WHEN & WHERE

Audition Workshop: 1/6
12:30 - 4:30 at TBC

Cast Meet & Greet: 8/6
14:00 - 17:00 at TBC

Cast Party: 2/8
following performance

Project Dates: 28/7 - 1/8,
9:00 - 5:00

at
The Hilt - Community Centre
Hiltingbury Rd,
Chandler's Ford, Eastleigh
SO53 5NP

WHAT'S INCLUDED

- Audition Workshop
- Meet & Greet/Circle Read
- 2 Performances (TBC)
- Summer Fair Performance, TBA
- Awards Night Performance, TBA
- 1 General Admission Ticket
- Official Printed Script
- Production T-shirt
- Headshot Print
- Lifetime friends & memories!



PROJECT COST

LUP MEMBER	£250
NON-MEMBER	£275

*Sibling discounts available

SCAN
TO
BOOK:





SUMMER Fair

Light UP Community Event

30 Aug
11 : 00 - 3:00
SATURDAY

YMCA Fairthorne Manor

www.ticketsource.co.uk/light-up

LIGHT UP MEMBER SHIRTS

FRONT



BACK



Light UP members who have paid their £30 Family Membership Fee are entitled to one **FREE** t-shirt after which time they have the option to 'SWAP' with other members at company wide events and performances or to purchase a **new shirt for £15**.



BE LOUD & PROUD, ORDER YOUR LUP SHIRT TODAY BY SCANNING OR COMPLETING YOUR SUMMER FAIR RSVP (OUR NEXT MEMBER EVENT):

LUP MERCH



HOODIE

£25

WATER BOTTLE



£12



TOTE

£10

Orders placed will be added to our next bulk order and an update will be sent to confirm when you can expect to receive your items. once you have paid for your items on receipt of invoice.

PRE-ORDER YOURS TODAY



FINISH



LINE



10 Years of Making a Difference

Rachel Hepworth
Don Norwood
Lisa Houston
Andy Fayle
Carolyn Fayle
Maria DEL AGUA SIRES
Mo Peters
Hazel Humphrey
Matthew Hill
Abielle Inegbenebho
Poppy Harbut
Claire Kummer
Adam Burwell
Emily Burke
Ryan Hayward
Darren Sloan
Tess Ward
Rachel Nice
Russell Sloan
Ryan Phillips
Katherine O'Sullivan
Hannah Finch
Jane Brown

Helen Ralph
David Houston
Tom Hepworth
Peter Daly
Edmund Bramall
Angus Houston
Wayne Jones
Harriet Roy
Chris Buckley
Becky Ward
Jenni Scott
Peter Smith
Catherine Rankin
Rachael Eckford
Tristan Atkinson
Snezhana Anderson
Louise O'Leary
Sophia Burke
Ian Peters
Anita Sloan
Christine Jones
Adrian Farwell

Margaret Ambrose
Sue Tart
Matt Costen
Rachel Fox
Meri Mackey
Karen Ryan

Over the course of one week an incredible £2,755 was raised and an additional £2,500 matched by Arts for Impact: Big Give bringing our grand total to £5,255 + £634 of Gift Aid contributions. This money will make a dramatic difference to the charity and our 160+ members attending, stay tuned about the many ways you'll money will go towards making positive change!

Together, We MADE a Difference

DON'T FORGET

Autumn Term 1 fees
Due: 31/8/25

Autumn Term 2 fees
Due: 31/10/25

£10 late fee added to invoices after 1 week grace period

Want to get more involved in Unexpected Places/Light UP?

Become a Light UP parent representative or volunteer for an upcoming project or event.

Email the team at
info@lightupdrama.org.uk for more info!

Awards Night
November 2025
Save the date

Class Manager Parent Portal

Did you know that from your Parent Portal you can:

- Update Contact Details
- View Upcoming Classes
- View/Pay Invoices
- Book new classes/events

<https://app.classmanager.com/portal/light-up/login>

If your child has out grown their Light UP t-shirt and it is in good condition, you can return it to Light UP. If a t-shirt in your child's size has been returned, you can get that t-shirt swapped for your old one.

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Save the Date - 22/11/25 Awards Night!

RECRUITING YOUTH ADVISORY BOARD



GO TO UNEXPECTED PLACES WITH US

Email:

Courtney@unexpectedplaces.co.uk

- Get a backstage pass to the inner workings of Unexpected Places, Light UP and the various charitable work that we do, being able to contribute to the future of the organisation.
- Represent our youth voice, becoming an advocate for current and future Light UP members, ensuring that the young people you represent always remain centre stage of all we do as an organisation.
- Identify and champion ways to help grow the Light UP community to become a more accessible, diverse, innovative organisation for young people.
- Work on future programming and projects that will engage, excite, educate and inspire as we continue going to unexpected places together as an organisation.
- Influence Unexpected Places policies and programmes
- Volunteer and Input on projects and events that interest you
- Organise and run fundraising events to help meet funding goals and objectives for set projects and performances

FIND US ON



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