



Agreement for Young and Younger Voices Members

As a **Young or Younger Voices Member** your role is important in letting us know your thoughts, feedback and taking on special ambassador roles to promote Polka to wider audiences.

As a **parent/carer of a member**, your role is equally important to encourage and enable your child to take part, representing Polka and supporting our work. Please read through and help your child understand the **guidelines** below:

For a Young or Younger Voices Member

1. As a new member, I will attend the '**Welcome Session**' at the start of the academic year, where I will receive a Polka T-shirt, lanyard, meet all other new members and get to know the spaces at Polka Theatre.
2. As a member, I will ensure I will represent Polka in the best way possible by being actively involved and willing to take part in all aspects of Young and Younger Voices. This includes watching rehearsals, backstage feedback and taking part in workshop sessions.
3. As a member, I agree to attend the Young and Younger Voices **Annual General Meeting**.
4. As a member, I agree to attend at least **4 in-person events** within the year.
5. As a member, I agree to attend at least **3 preview or press shows** at Polka through the complimentary ticket offers, ensuring that written, filmed or audio reviews are recorded after and sent in to promote Polka and help develop our audiences.
6. As a member, I agree to take part in **2 remote tasks** over the year.

For parents/carers

1. As a parent/carer, I will support my child to engage with Young or Younger Voices activities, communicating with Polka's Participation Manager via email or phone to support my child's ongoing engagement with the programme.
2. As a parent/carer, I will bring my child to at least **4 in person events, 3 preview or press shows**, as well as encouraging my child to take part with **2 remote tasks** over the year.
3. As a parent/carer, I will encourage my child to represent Polka to a high standard, understanding the role of being an ambassador, positively engaging with Polka's work, development and presentation of shows to a wider network.

Members and parent/carers please sign below:

I have read and agree that I will need to commit to the above guidelines to be a member of Polka Theatre's **Young and Younger Voices** during the academic year of 2024 – 2025.

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Child's Name

Child's Signature

Date

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Parent/Carer Name

Parent/Carer Signature

Date

Please return your signed agreement to Polka's Box Office by 23 September 2024.

Notes

With the expansion of our theatre venue and increased programme of events on offer, we are noticing a rise in number of applications from children to join us as members. While this is fantastic, we are expecting a higher turnover of children taking part in these groups, meaning we will be asking every member and their parent/carer to commit to the above guidelines and renew their memberships with us each academic year to remain an active Young or Younger Voices.

We understand as your child grows new opportunities arise, however, to keep opportunities open to other children, please let us know if you and your child cannot commit to taking part in the required number of in-person events and shows.

If your child is no longer able to take part or we do not hear back from you within a 6-month period, we will assume they no longer wish to continue being a member and will remove your child from the list.

Feel free to call or speak with the Participation Manager about any queries or concerns on **020 8545 8349**. Alternatively, you can email in any questions before applying to heidi@polkatheatre.com