

Polka GRADS

Application Form

Are you aged 12+?

Do you enjoy coming to the theatre and watching plays?

Do you enjoy taking part or directing, creating new stories and inventing a variety of characters that could be onstage?

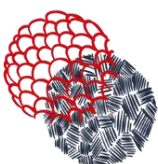
Do you want to have your say, feedback and lead the way in creating new productions in the home of children's theatre?

Then come have your voice heard at Polka Theatre!

Polka GRADS meet throughout the year and explore what really matters to you about theatre. They also support our Young and Younger Voices groups in representing them and their feedback to Polka's Board of Trustees once a year.

There will also be the chance to read scripts, take part in workshops, research and develop new shows, come to review performances and publish your thoughts!

To apply, please fill out or record your responses to pages 2 - 7.



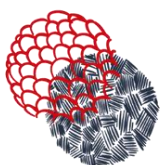


I would like to apply to be part of Polka GRADS:

Name	
Pronouns	
Postal Address	
Contact Email	
Date of Birth	
Adult Emergency Contact Name & Number	
School Attending	
School Year	

If you are **18 or under**, please ask your parent/carer to fill out this part:

Parent/Carer Name	
Parent/Carer Number	
Parent/Carer Email	



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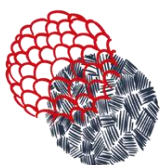


The following questions will help us to see your ideas and give us some information about what you are like and what inspires you.

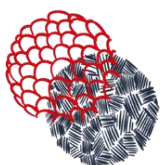
Please answer **all three** questions and then **record yourself** to tell us 'About You'. Recordings can be made as **videos or audios**. Feel free to send in answers to the other questions **via video or audio format** as well.

1. Choose a story or create a storyboard for a new adaptation for children. This could be based on a book; it could be adapted from a screen play or inspired by a popular film! Consider what genre this play would be, such as, comedy, tragedy, farce or musical. What age range is this play for? Polka Theatre create work for babies aged 0 – 12+ years!

You can write about your creation below on another page, draw a storyboard of what happens or record what you would like to create!



2. Review a theatre production you have seen recently. If not a production, tell us about a performance you have seen and why you liked or didn't like it! This could be from a school show, a presentation or sharing from other children or even performances of actors in a programme on TV.
What made it memorable? How can you describe what it looked like? Can you tempt others to watch it by recalling the storyline without any spoilers!



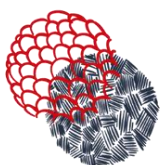
3. If I were Artistic Director of Polka Theatre for a season (6 months) ...

What stories would I like to produce onstage?

OR

What other creative activities would I like to programme to help market theatre to children and young people?

Think about your own favourite books or plays that could be readapted for other children, friends, school groups and families, making sure you think about a variety of genres and age ranges.



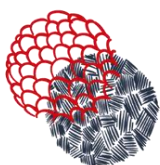


About You

Now that we've heard some of your ideas, we'd like you to tell us more about you.

Record either in video or audio format about yourself. This could include the following information or more:

- What are your hobbies and interests?
- Which subjects are your favourite or what did you like to study at school?
- Why do you think you would make an excellent Polka GRADS ambassador?
- What skills or experiences would you like to gain from being an ambassador?



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Finally

Please include a character reference from somebody who will support your interest and commitment to Polka GRADS. This can come from your teacher or course leader, employer/colleague or professional person who knows you well that isn't your parent/carer. This reference can be written or recorded in video or audio file.

For Parent/Carer

I hereby give consent for my child to apply for Polka GRADS. I understand if they are successful in applying, they will be attending regular sessions at Polka Theatre.

Signed Parent/Carer

Date

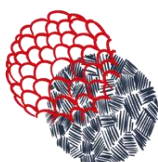
If you have any queries, please get in touch, otherwise send your completed form with attachments to:

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Thank you for taking the time to apply! We will be in touch soon.



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