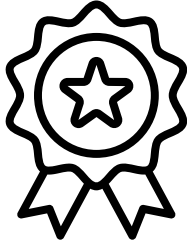


# Polka Playwriting Award - The basics



The deadline for entrance is Tuesday 20th August 2024 at noon



You'll receive a full play commission, with script published with Methuen Drama and have your production staged at Polka's Adventure Theatre within 2 years of the script being selected.



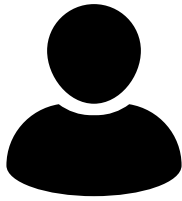
If you have any questions please contact [producing@polkatheatre.com](mailto:producing@polkatheatre.com)

Free online sessions around writing for young audiences will be held in July/August



All scripts must be submitted anonymously to [producing@polkatheatre.com](mailto:producing@polkatheatre.com)

## Who can enter?



### You:

- Must live in the UK or Republic of Ireland
- Must be over the age of 16, there is no upper age limit
- You do not need experience for writing in the TYA sector



### Your script

- Cannot be longer than 70 minutes
- Have a maximum of 4 actors (not characters)
- Must be for children aged 7-12
- Cannot have been performed before, excluding R&Ds or workshops
- Is not an adaptation (you must own all copywrite)
- Can be co-written



### Shortlist Approach

- All plays will be read anonymously by our judges and Polka Grads Young Readers
- The shortlist will be announced in October 2024
- The winner will be announced January 2025

**For more information, read the webpage [here.](#)**