



SEEKING ROCHDALE COMMUNITY PERFORMERS FOR **TALES OF THE DALE**

We're looking for local people to perform in **Tales of the Dale**, our headline show at **The FestiDale** - a 2-week community festival of local arts and culture in our mobile-theatre, The Den, at Kingsway Park School, Rochdale (8-18 Aug 2024).

Check out the **festival programme** [here](#) and view the trailer [here](#).

No acting or performance experience necessary. There is no need to learn lines as this will be script-in-hand. Open to Rochdale residents age 14+.

**TO GET INVOLVED COME TO ONE OF OUR GETTING-TO-KNOW-YOU SESSIONS!
IF YOU'D LIKE A REMINDER ABOUT THE SESSION PLEASE COMPLETE THIS FORM:**

<https://forms.office.com/e/veU7FvaCs6>

ABOUT TALES OF THE DALE

Tales of the Dale is a brand-new Royal Exchange production, made from over 24 hours of real stories collected from over 200 people from Rochdale.

Led by award-winning audio and theatre directors Polly Thomas and Nickie Miles-Wildin, *Tales of the Dale* will be performed in the 80-seat mobile theatre space, the Den, across 3 days (15th-17th Aug). The show itself will be professional and non-professional community performers, reading stories that have been shared by the people of Rochdale, curated with award winning writer Shahid Iqbal Khan.

We will be casting professional Manchester actors and are looking **for people like you** to volunteer to perform alongside them.

As it is script-in-hand you won't be expected to learn the lines, but we will hold a couple of rehearsals to get everyone comfortable reading the stories and being on the stage. There will be a different group of community performers on each day i.e. different Community Casts.

There are four unique shows for Tales of the Dale:

- **Tales of the Dale: Welcome to Rochdale** (6pm-8:30pm 15th Aug)
- **Tales of the Dale: Big Night Out... and Sexy Chips!** (6:30pm-9pm 16th Aug)
- **Tales of the Dale: Pride in Rochdale** (2:30pm-4:30pm 17th Aug)
- **Tales of the Dale: Do the Cruckle** (6pm-8:30pm 17th Aug)

Each show will have totally different stories, different casts, different vibes and different joyful moments of audience interaction!

GETTING TO KNOW YOU SESSION

These sessions are for us to get to know you a little bit better! These will be facilitated by director Nicki Miles-Wildin and assistant director Oliver Hirst. We will do some games and activities to come together as a company, practice reading stories



and talking about the project in more detail. *Rochdale venue TBC.*

- Thurs 25th July 6:30pm-8:30pm (2 hours) @ Spotland Community Centre, Rochdale, OL12 6PJ
- Sun 28th July 11am-1pm (2 hours) @ Spotland Community Centre, Rochdale, OL12 6PJ
- Mon 29th July 6:30pm-8:30pm (2 hours) @ Spotland Community Centre, Rochdale, OL12 6PJ

We will require you to attend one of these sessions.

REHEARSALS

we will divide you all into 4 separate 'Casts', i.e. we will put together a group for each of the 4 shows, based on your availability.

Rehearsals will be facilitated by director Nicki Miles-Wildin, assistant director Oliver Hirst and a stage manager.

You will be required to attend all rehearsals and the show for the Cast you are assigned to.

CAST 1	CAST 2	CAST 3	CAST 4
REHEARSAL Mon 5 th Aug 5pm-9pm (4 hours) Rochdale venue TBC	REHEARSAL Tues 6 th Aug 5pm-9pm (4 hours) Rochdale venue TBC	REHEARSAL Thurs 8 th Aug 5pm-9pm (4 hours) Rochdale venue TBC	REHEARSAL Sat 10 th Aug 10am-2pm (4 hours) Rochdale venue TBC
OPTIONAL REHEARSAL FOR ALL CASTS Sat 10 th Aug 2pm-6pm (4 hours) Rochdale venue TBC			
REHEARSAL (tech) Wed 14 th Aug 2pm-5:30pm (3.5 hours) Kingsway Park High School	REHEARSAL (tech) Wed 14 th Aug 6:30pm-9pm (2.5 hours) Kingsway Park High School	REHEARSAL (tech) Sat 17 th Aug 11am-1pm (2 hours) Kingsway Park High School	REHEARSAL (tech) Fri 16 th Aug 1-3pm (2 hours) Kingsway Park High School
REHEARSAL (run through) Thurs 15 th Aug 3pm-4:30pm (1.5 hours)	REHEARSAL (run through) Fri 16 th Aug 3pm-5:30pm (2.5 hours)	SHOW Sat 17 th Aug 2:30-4:30pm	REHEARSAL (run through) Sat 17 th Aug 1:30pm-4:30pm (4 hours)



Kingsway Park High School	Kingsway Park High School	Kingsway Park High School	Kingsway Park High School
SHOW Thurs 15 th Aug 6pm-8:30pm Kingsway Park High School	SHOW Fri 16 th Aug 6:30-9pm Kingsway Park High School		SHOW Sat 17 th Aug 6-8:30pm Kingsway Park High School

During rehearsals we will work in individual 'Casts' to set out the running order of the stories & scenes, practice reading these stories and creating whole-company sections of the show and any moments of audience interaction.

Please note: we have provided this timetable to give as much warning of required dates and time as possible, however it may change slightly. This will be communicated as soon as possible via email to all applicants.

COMMUNITY PERFORMER INFO

We can cover participant expenses for anyone who would otherwise not be able to engage with the activity. This would cover public transport costs to rehearsals and performances, or a taxi if public transport was not possible for access reasons.

Expenses can also cover any additional access support required in order to engage. If you require support with participant expenses, please contact Esme at esme.moszynska@royalexchange.co.uk who will send you a short form to complete.

The rehearsal and performance spaces will be wheelchair accessible with gender neutral accessible toilets. If you have any access requirements you would like to share with us, you can do this via the Application Form (link below).

This is a volunteer opportunity, and as such is an unpaid opportunity with no performance or acting experience necessary.

You will be performing alongside four professional actors who will have additional rehearsals and call times beyond the Community Cast rehearsals and call times.

APPLICATION & AVAILABILITY FORM

Get involved by coming to one of our Getting-to-know-you sessions.

Your availability for rehearsals will determine which Cast you are in.

Casting will depend on your availability for rehearsals. Please complete the following form and, based on the timings above, tell us which cast/s you will be able to commit to.

PLEASE COMPLETE THIS FORM BY 30TH OF JULY <https://forms.office.com/e/veU7FvaCs6>



Please give us the most availability that you can i.e. if you are fully available across these timings, please tell us you would be available to be in Casts 1, 2, 3 & 4. You will also have the opportunity to let us know if you would like to perform in multiple shows, or if you have a preference of which show. We will do our best to accommodate requests.

CONTACT

If you have any questions about this opportunity **please contact Esme**, the Royal Exchange Theatre's Local Exchange Coordinator, at esme.moszynska@royalexchange.co.uk.

The FestiDale is part of Local Exchange, The Royal Exchange Theatre's ambitious long-term programme co-curated with Ambassadors and Champions in communities across Greater Manchester.