

## **Borders Youth Theatre : Code of Conduct for Young People**

**Borders Youth Theatre (BYT)** aims to offer a positive experience to participants where they can learn new things and meet new people in a safe and positive environment.

**BYT** believes that it is important that everyone associated with BYT, participants, leaders, parents, volunteers and Trustees should, at all times, show respect and understanding for the safety and welfare of others. Everyone should be encouraged to be open at all times and to share any concerns or complaints that they may have about any aspect of the activities with the Workshop or Project Leader, the BYT Administrator or the Chair of Trustees.

(contact details can be found on the BYT website at [www.bordersyouththeatre.co.uk](http://www.bordersyouththeatre.co.uk))

### **As a participant in BYT activities, you have the right to**

- ask for help
- be believed
- be listened to
- be offered support if needed
- be protected from abuse by other member or outside sources
- be respected and treated fairly
- be safe and happy in your chosen activity
- enjoy the activity in a protective environment
- participate on an equal basis, appropriate to your ability
- privacy

### **As a participant of BYT, we expect you**

- not to be violent/aggressive.
- not to bully or use rough and dangerous play
- not to get involved in inappropriate peer pressure and push others into something they do not want to do.
- not to leave the venue without permission
- not to smoke or to consume alcohol or drugs of any kind
- not to take photographs of others without permission from them and the leader
- not to use bad language or racial/sectarian references
- to be friendly and particularly welcoming to new members
- to be supportive and offer comfort when required
- to challenge or report bullying - this includes bullying using new technologies like chat-rooms or texting.
- to give everyone a second chance
- to keep yourself safe
- to listen carefully to all instructions
- to report inappropriate or risky behaviour by others
- to respect the rights, dignity and worth of all participants
- to treat equipment and property with respect

Any general misbehaviour will be addressed by the immediate leader and reported verbally to the Trustees. Persistent misbehaviour will result in dismissal from BYT activities. Parents will be informed at all stages.

Any decision to remove a participant can be appealed to BYT Management Committee via the Chair

**Signature of Young Person** \_\_\_\_\_

**Printed name Young person** \_\_\_\_\_

**Signature of Parent/Guardian** \_\_\_\_\_

**Printed name of Parent/Guardian** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_