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TYA CYMRU

*Strengthening theatre for the young audiences in Wales
Cryfhau theatr ar gyfer cynulleidfaoedd ifanc Cymru*



Theatre for Young Audiences Cymru (TYA Cymru) is currently represented by **Theatr Iolo** and will be supported by members across Wales.

Theatr Iolo is the leading Welsh children's theatre company, creating high quality experiences that are stimulating, surprising and meaningful for children and their adults.

Theatr Iolo has been at the forefront of theatre for children for over thirty years, delivering performances and workshops to babies, children, teenagers, parents, pupils and teachers across Wales, the UK and internationally.

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TYA Cymru's main aims are:

1. To represent, support and lobby for the local TYA sector.

- Focusing on developing a creative network across Wales with its main aim to embrace and promote Wales based individuals, companies, organisations, and venues who have an interest in developing work for young audiences in Wales.
- Focusing on developing initiatives across Wales to develop audiences for TYA.

2. To feed into Assitej UK and support TYA Cymru on a global stage.

- TYA Cymru currently has one member on the Assitej UK Board.
- TYA Cymru members are in regular attendance at children's arts festivals and conferences across the world.





Aled Lloyd Rees

Aled Lloyd Rees is the Artistic Administrator for Theatr Iolo, Cardiff. Aled's career began as a communications and PR advisor within the social housing and third sector in Wales before moving into an area where he was truly passionate about, the arts sector in Wales.

As the Artistic Administrator for Theatr Iolo. Aled is responsible for the organising and coordinating of all aspects of its touring productions and workshop activities whilst providing a range of administrative functions.

Aled has been a member of various committees from local community councils and welfare associations as well as being a Youth Administrator to a Youth Theatre Company in South Wales.

During 2020, Aled was appointed a Board Member and Wales representative on the Board of Directors for ITC (**Independent Theatre Council**), where he remains as an active member.

Aled is an avid performer and a singer and has performed for various community and semi-professional theatre companies in Wales. As a Welsh speaker, Aled is passionate about Welsh language and culture, in particular Welsh language theatre and or theatre created and developed by Wales based artists.

Aled is very keen in establishing a Wales based children's theatre network where the work that is created for young audiences in Wales can be shared and developed with like-minded people and organisations in order to showcase and promote the importance of theatre for children and young audiences in Wales.

Aled was appointed a Board Member of **ASSITEJ UK** & Wales representatives during 2022.



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Becoming a member of TYA Cymru includes several benefits:

- TYA Cymru will be open to all that create, produce and or perform theatre to young people in Wales.
- TYA Cymru will be a platform to share knowledge and experiences, in order to strengthen Theatre for Young People in Wales.
- TYA Cymru networking sessions will be held twice a year online, chaired and hosted by Theatr Iolo and will cover topics that will be on current themes and relevancy to the member's interest.
- TYA Cymru will provide opportunities for all of its members to share their own recruitment news, key discussion topics and updates via social media posts and newsletters.
- TYA Cymru will promote, and highlight Wales based theatre companies, venues, and performers to the wider community, both locally, UK wide and internationally, by ensuring that it has a voice on the Assitej UK Board.





As a member of TYA Cymru, you will also benefit from the following Assitej UK benefits:

- Monthly newsletters packed full of national and international opportunities including the annual Directors Seminar run by Assitej Germany and the Next Generation Programme run by Assitej International.
- Weekly TYA/PYA job opportunity newsletters (newsletter sent on submission of opportunities by members).
- Opportunity to also join Assitej England regular zoom networking and training sessions.
- An invitation and voice at the Assitej UK AGM.
- Details of Assitej International Global Gatherings and all other festivals and opportunities world-wide.
- Details of work being undertaken by members nationally and internationally including the Quality of Difference and other initiatives taking place around the UK.





TYA CYMRU Membership

If you are excited about the conversation that promotes theatre for young audiences across the globe, join us...



Membership fees for TYA Cymru which is part of Assitej UK:

Regularly funded organisations:	£100 per annum upon completion of an annual survey
Project funded organisations:	£35 per annum upon completion of an annual survey
Independent artists:	£10 per annum upon completion of an annual survey

If you are a regularly funded organisation, we invite you to sponsor an artist by offering to pay their £10 annual membership fees.

Please note: TYA Cymru is one regional centre of the ASSITEJ UK network, which in turn is a member of the global network ASSITEJ. ASSITEJ unites theatres, organisations and individuals throughout the world who make theatre for children and young people.



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