



What is Young Rep?

Young Rep is The Rep's celebrated youth theatre company for children and young people. Young Rep groups meet weekly at The Rep or one of our partner organisations to create high quality performances working with professional theatre-makers. We provide our members with opportunities to develop their performance skills, learn how an exciting producing theatre works, and grow in confidence.

Young Rep aims to nurture and inspire the next generation of theatre-makers through staging new work, devising original pieces of theatre and performing established texts. Young Rep is an inclusive environment that welcomes children and young people from all backgrounds.

Up until February 2024, Young Rep was only available for people aged 7-25 but due to popular demand, we have begun two new groups for 3-7 year olds.

Young Rep Play Time is for ages 3-5 (pre-school and Reception) and Young Rep Beginners is for children aged 5-7 (school years 1 and 2). Both groups are delivered by our experienced Early Years Practitioner and our wider Young Rep staff team. The sessions offer children the chance to develop their confidence, self-expression and performance skills. The focus is on children having fun and being creative, rather than working towards performances as our older groups do. We do expect there will be times we want to share things with parents/carers and these will be held as relaxed sharings in the rehearsal rooms at The Rep.

When and where will sessions take place?

Young Rep Play Time will take place on Saturdays 9.45-10.45am.

Young Rep Beginners will take place on Saturdays 11am-12.15pm

Parents/carers will bring children to The Rep via our Front of House and wait with them until they are collected by Young Rep Staff. Sessions will take place in the rehearsal rooms at The Rep and a parent/carer will be able to sit in for the first session if they wish to. Parents/carers will collect their children from a designated door shown to them at the end of each session.

Please do read a summary of our Toileting Policy below as, due to the facilities available to us within The Rep, we do expect children to be toilet trained.

- Due to the nature of The Rep being a working theatre, we are asking Parents/Carers to only sign up their child if they are toilet trained as changing facilities are not available.
- We do understand that accidents may happen and in this scenario, if the child needs to be changed, we will contact parents/carers. Rep staff will not be responsible for changing children.
- If a child needs help with their clothing after a toilet trip, staff will support them, treating the child with respect and dignity.
- Toilet trips will be monitored by a minimum of 2 staff at a time.
- Toilets will be signposted and only available to Young Rep children. Other people within the Rep building will use different toilets.
- Foam rollers will be placed on doors so children can close them for privacy but not lock them, due to safety reasons.
- The Young Rep staff team will be led by an Early Years specialist and all staff receive training on working with the relevant age groups.
- All staff will have regular safeguarding training and enhanced DBS checks.

Access requirements

Young Rep aims to be an inclusive environment, welcoming children and young people from all backgrounds. We will do our best to work with the child and parents/carers to meet any access needs a child may have. If your child has specific access requirements, there will be a space on the registration form for you to tell us about this. Please do give us as much information as possible so we can work with you to provide for your child. We have a staff to child ratio of 1:8 with always a minimum of 3 staff present.

If I join the waiting list, what will happen next?

We will contact you to let you know when a space is available. We will then ask you to register and pay for your child (we do have limited bursaries available). Once you have paid, you will receive a Young Rep Handbook that will provide you with more information and details regarding the sessions.

If you have further questions, please do not hesitate to contact youngrep@birmingham-rep.co.uk and a member of our team will get back to you.



YOUNG Rep Early Years

Young Rep is The Rep's celebrated youth theatre company for children and young people.

By popular demand, we have started two new companies for Early Years and KS1 on Saturday mornings. These brand new groups will develop children's confidence, self-expression and performance skills. The focus will be on having fun, being creative and at times we will host relaxed sharings at The Rep for parents and carers.

Young Rep Play Time

- Pre-School and Reception
- Ages 3-5

Young Rep Beginners

- School Years 1 and 2
- Ages 5-7

£80 per term
with bursaries available!

Storytelling
Drama games
Devising Theatre
Puppetry
Movement

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