

Job Title: Director – Summer Youth Project**Location:** White Rock Theatre,**Project Dates:** 3rd August - 16th August 2025**Pre-Production Commitment: Pre-Production Dates:** TBC upon interview. You will be required to work pre-production hours for production meetings, and time spent preparing.**Post-Project Debrief:** Date TBC, after project completion.**Overview:**

The Summer Youth Project at the White Rock Theatre is a highly anticipated annual event that provides young people aged 8-18 with the opportunity to take part in a full-scale musical theatre production. Now in its 21st year, this exciting project allows 100 young participants to gain valuable experience working in a professional production environment while having fun, building confidence, and making lasting friendships. The project culminates in **five performances** of the show on the main stage at the White Rock Theatre, complete with a professional set, costumes, sound, and lighting. This year's production will be **Addams Family: The Musical**, and we are seeking a talented and dynamic **Director** to lead our creative team for the 2025 season.

Role Description:

As the Director for the Summer Youth Project, you will be responsible for the overall creative vision and direction of the show. You will work closely with the Learning and Participation team at the White Rock Theatre to ensure that the production is engaging, educational, and enjoyable for the participants. You will lead the creative team of professionals, providing guidance and ensuring that the production aligns with the established goals of the project. The Director will play a key role in shaping the experience of the young performers and ensuring their well-being, and enjoyment throughout the process.

Key Responsibilities:

- Lead the creative vision for the musical production of **Addams Family: The Musical**, ensuring the show is engaging and achievable within the two-week timeframe.
- Auditioning and casting the participants under the supervision of the Learning and Participation team.
- Direct rehearsals, guiding the young cast through the process of preparing for the show.
- Coordinate with the Learning and Participation team and other members of the creative team, including choreographers, musical directors, and designers, to ensure a cohesive vision.
- Attend pre-production meetings, including a read-through, tech meeting, and rehearsals with the principal cast.
- Oversee rehearsals during the two-week project period, from 3rd August to 16th August 2025, with specific hours to be discussed at the interview stage.
- Guide the cast through the performances of the show, which will take place on the main stage at the White Rock Theatre, supported by a professional set, costume, sound, and lighting.
- Ensure a fun, professional, and supportive environment where young people feel confident, valued, and motivated to perform at their best.
- Prioritise the well-being of all participants, creating a positive and inclusive atmosphere throughout the production.
- Attend post-project debrief meeting with the Learning and Participation team to review the success of the project and discuss areas for future development.

Key Skills and Experience:

- Proven experience in directing musical theatre productions to a high standard, ideally with young people.
- Experience working with children and young adults, with a strong focus on their well-being and development.
- A creative leader who can inspire and motivate both the young participants and the creative team.
- Ability to work effectively under time pressure, ensuring the production meets high professional standards within a short timeframe.
- Strong communication and organisational skills, with an ability to work collaboratively and manage a diverse group of professionals.
- Professional yet approachable, with a passion for providing young people with an enriching theatre experience.

Application Process:

If you are an experienced director with a passion for working with young people and creating inspiring theatre experiences, we would love to hear from you. Please apply with your CV and a cover letter outlining your experience and suitability for the role.

The Summer Youth Project at the White Rock Theatre is an exciting opportunity to make a significant impact on the lives of young people, and we are looking for a dedicated and talented Director to join our creative team.

The post holder must demonstrate a strong commitment to safeguarding and will be required to fully comply with the Trust's Safeguarding Policy at all times. The post holder is required to hold a current DBS check, issued within the last three years. If this is not available, the individual must either provide details for an update service check or agree to undergo a new DBS check at the Trust's discretion.