

Experience at TP!

My experience of being a trainee at Theatre Peckham for 10 weeks since May 19th 2014 to 22nd of July 2014 has been up and down but all the more interesting. I have learnt a lot about myself, about working for different type of people and that life in general is tough.

Of course I have learnt about the working of a theatre and the whole creative process because I help out in the theatre section during the production for 'The Magic Paintbrush'. I have learnt a lot and now have a better understanding of what theatre work is involve: such as teamwork, communication which are very important and not to be too precious about the things/costumes that you make or do because it is always changing. You do a lot of different tasks and do things you never done before therefore each day is never the same.

Marion and I work together to make the pleasant costumes it was fun working together and meeting others trainee who all have different background and knowledge in which it was especially helpful because I have no skills in costumes making, props making or anything. That is also one of the downside in that most of the time we have to take our own initiative, and I am up for that it just that even the most basic skills we are not taught so it is hard to move forward when we don't even know the basic technique of doing things. It is very hands on which enable me to learn but I think it would save so much trouble and stress if there is someone on hand to patiently teach us basic techniques or ways of doing things then we can solve problems as it turn up by our self.

Overall, looking back it has been an enjoyable journey, I am grateful for all the people I have meet from the actors and actresses to the children's actors to all my trainee colleagues who are all talents in their own special way. Of course to the staff at Theatre Peckham who has taught me a lot and that from all the experiences whether it was bad or good I feel that I have learnt from them.

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