

Work Experience at Theatre Peckham - Amy

I am at Barking and Dagenham College doing a BTEC qualification in Performing Arts. My work placement is at Theatre Peckham which has been an insight into adult working life. I began working at Theatre Peckham on the 26th of March. As a trainee you are treated as part of the team, you would expect young students to be ignored or used as skivvies during work experience but at Theatre Peckham I sat in an actual staff meeting. I never actually thought teachers had so many things to do. I have worked in another theatre before where I did more office work than anything but at Theatre Peckham I had loads of physical work to do and it was rather enjoyable. Having been an older apprentice I was able to go up to the lighting deck and see how it all works. I was able to brush up on my sewing skills by sewing costumes, give advice to students and learn to focus / concentrate better.

During my time at Theatre Peckham I became part of the behind the scenes crew for a show called 'Solomon Grundy'. I was in control of sound and my colleague was in charge of the lighting. Whilst working on 'Solomon Grundy' I helped students perform to the best of their ability using my feedback and personal experience as guidelines. The staff at Theatre Peckham really made me feel of some importance to the production and not like it was all pretence. I really did help put together a good performance. I really bonded with the students and miss them dearly; I do hope to return to Theatre Peckham in the future.

The only disadvantages of working at Theatre Peckham for me were the travel. I cannot really afford to travel to Peckham from north London so often and travelling so far includes waking up early which I HATE.



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