

# ALL WORK AND ONE PLAY

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THEATRE

## An arts-based SEN work experience project

A unique opportunity for 12 SEN young people to work with the founders of Make/Sense Theatre, a Reading based theatre company working with the neurodivergent community, to develop workplace skills and promote disability awareness through drama.

The All Work and One Play work experience project was inspired by When This Is Over, a play devised by Make/Sense's SEN young company - from their life stories of being a neurodivergent person navigating a neurotypical world - being performed again at South St Arts Centre, Reading this April.

Twelve young people will work together to create a professionally produced short film using their stories and talent -both behind and in front of the camera.



## Drama fosters

**WHAT:** Eleven weeks of meaningful work experience learning theatre making skills and organising an event to share their filmed work to an invited audience

**WHEN:** Fridays from 29/4 to 15/7 - 9.30am to 12pm

**WHERE:** South St Arts Centre, RG1 4QU except 1/7 where we will be filming locally on location (TBC)

**WHO:** Two young people aged 14-22 from each local SEN setting

**HOW:** Please read the attached FAQs

- Communication
- Self-confidence
- Time management
- Cooperation
- Independence
- Organisation
- Commitment
- Problem solving
- Happiness
- Motivation
- Initiative
- Respect



# FAQS

## What will happen each week during the project?

We will form a theatre company for the duration of the project with participants required to wear a uniform and follow the rules and routines of a professional company in a friendly and safe environment.

In addition to fun, confidence and communication building drama exercises, group and independent tasks will be completed each week to reach our final goal of creating and sharing an original film. At the end of the project the participants will have created a short film to be given to their schools to share with current and potential work experience employers. Its first showing will be at an event (also organised by the participants) at South St on the last week of the project to an invited audience of staff, family and employers.

The aim is to develop workplace and life skills through drama, but also to promote disability awareness through this film so that work experience employers will have a greater understanding of the needs and abilities of young SEN people in the workplace.

## How to sign up

If you believe you have one or two young people at your school who would benefit from this work experience project then we would ideally like them to see our show, When This is Over, at South St Arts Centre on April 5th at 11am so that they have an understanding of the roots and purpose of the All Work and One Play project.

*Please do contact Karen on [karen@makesensetheatre.com](mailto:karen@makesensetheatre.com) if you have questions about All Work and One Play and/or are keen to sign up some young people to the project.*

**N.B.** We need all participants signed up by 15th March 2022.

## More information about When This Is Over

The show is at **11AM** and lasts approximately **75 minutes**

Please find out more here

<https://whatsonreading.com/venues/south-street/whats-on/when-over>



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Completely absorbing performance by the wonderful cast, listening to a collective expression of young voices and having a glimpse into their life stories. Young people, staff, parents and the wider community need to see this. Make/Sense create an environment where young people are expertly supported to take risks, aim high and achieve.

— Julie Grant  
Employment Engagement Manager, Brookfields Specialist SEN School



## Booking tickets for When This Is Over

We are offering schools tickets at a reduced rate of **£10 per ticket** with one free ticket for every ten purchased.

Please contact Alice Flynn, Group Booking and Marketing Coordinator, Reading Arts, on **0118 937 2011** or [alice.flynn2@reading.gov.uk](mailto:alice.flynn2@reading.gov.uk) to book seats for your school.

## Free Drama workshops for World Autism Awareness Week

If you book ten or more tickets to see When This Is Over then we are also offering a free 45 minute drama workshop for up to 20 young people aged 14+ during World Autism Awareness Week (week beginning 28th March), which is the week before the show. These are offered to our local SEN schools on a first come, first served basis.