

# PENTABUS

The Nation's Rural Theatre Company

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## Pentabus Young Writers 19/20 Now recruiting!

*'I'd just like to thank the Pentabus team for the life changing opportunity, I truly feel like I have found my passion'*  
Young Writer 2018/19

Pentabus are now recruiting for our Young Writers Group 2019-2020.

Starting in November, Pentabus will be offering a FREE monthly playwriting workshop for anyone aged 16 to 25 years old. The programme is open to anybody who has an interest in storytelling, writing, or theatre making regardless of their background or experience.

Tutored by professional playwrights, actors, directors and designers, participants will learn about the basic rules of playwriting and creating work for the stage. The nine month programme is FREE to join and ends with a professional production of each of the young writers' short plays in summer 2020.

This year, for the first time, the workshop sessions will be running on a Monday evening at the Qube, Oswestry and on a Tuesday evening at The Hive in Shrewsbury.

Qube's Arts Development Officer, Jim Creed, said *'we are delighted to be working with Pentabus to offer young people in Oswestry the chance to write their own scripts with support from leading theatre professionals. It is an amazing opportunity for anyone who is interested in performance, media, language, and writing to get involved, make new friends and be creative.'*

Pentabus' Artistic Director, Sophie Motley said *'we are pleased to be in our sixth year of our young writers' programme, to be back in Shrewsbury at The Hive, and to be working in Oswestry at the Qube, for the very first time, expanding away from our home in South Shropshire. This is an utterly unique opportunity for young people who have an interest in writing stories, poems, scripts or songs, to learn from professionals and be treated in turn like a professional writer. We can't wait to see the stories that will be told in the coming year.'*

Anyone who is interested in getting involved please get in touch, and attend a taster session at either the Qube on Monday 4 November, or The Hive on Tuesday 5 November.

If you have any questions or would like to sign up to the group please contact [andrew@pentabus.co.uk](mailto:andrew@pentabus.co.uk) or call 01584 856564.

## FULL DATES:

	Mondays @ Qube, Oswestry		Tuesdays @ The Hive, Shrewsbury
	6pm - 8pm		6pm - 8pm
Session 1	4 November -	TASTER SESSIONS	- 5 November
Session 2	25 November		26 November
Session 3	16 December		17 December
Session 4	13 January		14 January
Session 5	10 February		11 February
Session 6	9 March		10 March
Session 7	30 March		31 March
Session 8	18 May		19 May
Session 9	27 April		28 April

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### **Notes to Editors**

#### About Pentabus

Pentabus is the nation's rural theatre company. We are the only professional theatre company in the UK whose vision is singularly rural. We tour new plays about the contemporary rural world to new audiences in village halls, fields, festivals and theatres, telling stories with local relevance, plus national and international impact. We believe that every person living in an isolated rural community has a right to exceptional theatre. We are based on a farm in Shropshire, and to date all of our work has been made here. It then tours village halls and theatres locally and nationally. Over four and a half decades we've produced 171 new plays, reached over half a million audience members, won a prestigious South Bank Show award, a Fringe First and were the first to live stream from a village hall. We have hosted a writer in residence since 2014 and they have gone on to be commissioned by the Royal Court, Birmingham Rep, Royal Welsh College, Nottingham Playhouse and the Bush.

We are a champion for rural young people aged 16 to 25 and Pentabus Young Company is our new initiative offering workshops, master-classes, work experience and mentorships, as well as the opportunity to join our Young Writers' Group, which has been running for six years. Previous participants of the Young Writers' Group have had their work presented at Ludlow Fringe, Latitude Festival and Hereford Courtyard. It is a springboard into further study and the arts industry, with many of our Young Writers going on to be published and professional writers.



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