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The National Festival of Youth Theatres 2010 will involve over 100 young people and 26 leaders as well as an artistic team and NAYD staff. That's a lot of people so we would ask the help of all leaders and participants to ensure the event runs smoothly!

Dates/Times

The festival takes place from **Wed 30 June – Sunday 4 July**. We ask that participants arrive by 6pm if possible on Wed 30th. The festival will finish after lunch on Sunday 4 July. If you need to leave earlier than this, please contact us in advance so we can ensure your group get a meal before they depart.

Participants

Each youth theatre can bring 8 participants aged 12 or over. We have provided a **Participant Information Sheet** so you can provide us with details of the participants from your youth theatres.

Leaders

Each youth theatre must bring 2 adult leaders aged 21 or over. See **Welfare Guidelines** for more on the role of leaders.

Youth Theatres

The Youth Theatres taking part are:

- Backstage Youth Theatre (Longford)
- Ballina Youth Theatre (Mayo)
- Blessington Youth Musical and Dramatic Society (Wicklow)
- Bui Bolg Youth Group (Wexford)
- Co. LYT (Limerick)
- Droiched Youth Theatre (Louth)
- Dublin Youth Theatre
- Kildare Youth Theatre
- Leitrim Youth Theatre Company
- Laois Youth Theatre
- Lightbulb Youth Theatre (Cork)
- Fracture/Nenagh Youth Theatre (Co. Tipperary)
- Waterford Youth Arts

Travel/Transport

We have done some research on your group's travel options, which you will find enclosed in this mailing. If you are travelling by train, Irish Rail offers group travel rates and you can also get good discounts by booking on-line. Details are included on the travel advice sheet. NAYD will arrange coach travel for all groups from Rosslare to Carne. **Please inform us if you are hiring a private coach and do not require collection.**

Venue

The festival is taking place at the Carne Holiday Centre. Carne is a 25-minute drive from Rosslare. The Holiday Centre is located 10 yards from the coast and has its own private beach and lovely sea walks. Some areas of the venue do not have mobile phone coverage. We will do our research to find the best spots! Participants should inform their parents of this in case they have a problem getting through to them.

Accommodation

In the Centre

The centre itself can accommodate 81 people. Rooms can sleep 2, 3 or 4 persons. Rooms will be divided according to gender and we will do our best to keep youth theatre groups close together. Sheets and duvets will be provided. **Each participant and leader must bring their own towel.** All rooms have a wash hand basin with warm water.

Camping

Five groups will be camping for the duration of the festival. The camping site is directly beside the centre. NAYD will source tents for the groups, unless they have informed us they have their own equipment. NAYD staff will have these tents ready to go when the groups arrive. Those camping need to bring a sleeping bag, camping mat (or air mattress), as these will not be provided. They also need a pillow and towel. NAYD will provide some torches but we would ask that groups bring their own if possible. Campers will have use of all the facilities in the centre including the showers.

Showering Facilities

As the centre is at full capacity (plus the extra people camping!), access to showers will be on a rota system. Youth theatre groups will have set times to use the showers. We ask for your cooperation and patience with this.

Meals

All meals will be provided at the Centre. There will be a hot meal provided for both lunch and dinner. Breakfast will be continental and will include fruit, yoghurt, toast and cereal. If there are any special dietary requirements in your group, (including vegetarians) please let us know on the **Participant Information Sheet** provided. As with the showering facilities, the high number of participants also has implications for mealtimes. There will be two sittings for each meal as the dining area accommodates only 80 people. NAYD will rota this in advance.

Artistic Programme

A full timetable will be forwarded in the next couple of weeks. Participants will spend most of the day in workshops. Workshop groups will be allocated according to the age of the participant. Though there will be some showing of work at the end of the festival, the emphasis is on the development of skills and enjoyment of the workshop experience. The facilitators for the festival are: Miquel Barcelo, Sue Mythen, Sharon Cromwell, Liam Halligan and Max Hafler. More information on the content of the workshops will be forwarded to you soon.

Leaders Programme

There will also be a programme for leaders. This will involve workshop sessions, discussions and observing the young people's workshops. More details soon...

Social Programme

Evening activities will be organised. We hope to have a Barbeque one evening (weather dependent!). We also plan to have a supervised campfire.

Swimming

We will have a lifeguard on duty at set times. Swimming is only allowed when the lifeguard is present.

Valuables

We would discourage participants from bringing valuables if at all possible as rooms will not be locked. We will have limited secure storage that can be accessed at set times. Priority will be given to those who are camping.

What groups need to bring.....

- Towels
- NAYD's mobile phone number in case you are delayed or lost! – **086-8295851**
- Swimming gear
- Guitars for a campfire sing-song
- Rain gear (just in case!)

If you are camping you will also need to bring.....

- Sleeping Bag
- Camping Mats/Mattresses
- Pillows
- Torches

We will send more reminders and updates in the time coming up to the festival!