

ILKLEY PLAYHOUSE - CHARITABLE GIVING

Ilkley Players Ltd is a registered charity (number 1096090). We are registered for Gift Aid and welcome all forms of donations. We invest our funds into supporting and encouraging participation in community theatre and the arts.

Here are examples of some of our community-based activities:

1. We provide a wide range of opportunities for volunteers and people seeking work experience. We train people in lighting and sound, sewing, acting, bar and café skills, stage management, set design, building and painting, and a wide range of front of house duties. Many older people value the warm and welcoming environment provided by our set building group and our sewing room
2. We provide subsidised drama classes for young people (Greenroom) designed to give a basic knowledge of stagecraft, mime, movement, speech and improvisation to children in two classes from age 8 to 18, and 70 children in total attended in 2018/19. The ability to perform is encouraged; so is confidence-building. Membership of the Greenroom also provides extra discounts on theatre tickets at our performances and we have extended this to a student ticket discount for all our own productions. We provide free entertainment at Ilkley Bandstand and free performances by our younger actors
3. We have strong links with Ilkley Grammar School, the local comprehensive school, and present an annual drama prize to both GCSE and A-level students
4. Membership of the theatre is free to people aged under 25s and we have recently agreed to extend this free membership to unemployed people
5. Affordability and access to our programme is important to us and is reflected in our pricing policy. Ilkley Playhouse has always provided concessionary ticket prices to the public at certain play performances for pensioners, students and children. We also offer a free ticket to the companion of a disabled person who is not able to travel to the theatre unaccompanied. Group discounts are very popular with local residential homes
6. Relaxed and dementia friendly performances are put on at least annually. They aim to create a welcoming environment by providing space for our guests to move around, by delivering descriptions of story and characters before the show including meeting the main characters in costume, clear signage, a designated quiet zone, and lower noise levels and auditorium lighting
7. We offer a charity rate for room hires, discounted room rates are available to local charities, members and community groups. We host several events for health organisations
8. We give free guided tours and talks to local groups around West Yorkshire, and occasionally host free events, including the opportunity to sit in on rehearsals at no charge
9. The theatre is a welcoming arts hub with its varied programme and is valued by diverse audiences and artists of all ages from across the region. We have close and fruitful partnerships with other local charities and have provided spaces for their events at a subsidised rate. Members from one local charity have enjoyed a range of opportunities including office-based work experience and spaces for their drama students to perform workshops in both our theatre spaces. We have a strong community presence, taking part in events such as the Ilkley Carnival
10. We promote new authors and writing in our studio productions
11. We are so much more than just a theatre; we are a community and a social club that cares about its members, volunteers and visitors. We host regular thank you events for all those who help us