

Kildare Youth Theatre (<https://www.activelink.ie/node/42>)

Kildare Youth Theatre is a **youth theatre** based in the east midlands in Ireland. We are supported by **Kildare County Council** with project funding from **Arts Council Ireland**.

Established in 1996 by **Crooked House Theatre Company**, Kildare Youth Theatre is based in Newbridge, Co. Kildare. It has a history of presenting ambitious work, influenced by European theatre-making and Irish narrative traditions. Using Crooked House's wide network of European connections, and availing of the **EU's Erasmus+ programme**, the young people are able to collaborate with several youth theatre-making projects a year across the continent. In addition to devising its own new work it also stages classical plays, newly scripted plays, and several conference and educational shows each year.

Kildare Youth Theatre is owned by the young members, who run the company as a collective, guided by **Artistic Director Peter Hussey**. They operate an ensemble model, maintaining 5 year-round ensembles who engage full-time in multiple projects for up to 5 years each. Members run, and rent, the space they use, from which they develop new work, host international exchanges, and provide cultural youth work with the assistance of a team of volunteers from Ireland and Europe.

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