

QUAKER YOUTH THEATRE'S **GUIDELINES FOR COMMUNITY LIVING**

ETHOS

Quaker Youth Theatre aims to provide a safe space where individuals are given many opportunities to discover and develop personal skills and harness these to achieve a shared goal.

We aim to support one another during our time together whatever our activities; and it is hoped participants will experience life's spiritual dimension; come to value each other as unique individuals; celebrate the diversity of their gifts; and recognize the needs of the community.

Working in a peaceable and affirmative manner will assist participants to recognize that the process is as important as any drama production.

ISSUES OF LAWFUL BEHAVIOUR

1. Possession and use of cannabis, or other illegal drugs, are not permitted on QYT projects.
2. The age of consent is 16 years of age. Sexual harassment or aggressive sexual behaviour will not be acceptable.
3. At the time specified by project staff under 16's bedrooms will become single sex areas.
4. The legal age for purchasing alcohol is 18. Those over 18 are not allowed to purchase/share alcohol with those under the legal age limit. Alcohol will not be allowed in any areas of the residential building we will be using
5. The legal age for purchasing cigarettes is 16. Those over 16 are not allowed to purchase/share cigarettes with those under the legal age limit.
6. Racism, sexism, homophobia or any other of prejudice or bigotry is not acceptable on QYT projects.

Any breaking of these guidelines will be taken seriously and dealt with an appropriate and proportional response and may result in the participant being sent home before the event is finished

ISSUES OF SECURITY AND HEALTH & SAFETY

1. There is no smoking permitted in any buildings due to insurance restrictions, unless there are designated smoking areas. All smokers will observe these restrictions, use the cans of sand for extinguishing cigarettes, outside, and be responsible for clearing any butts or dog ends lying on the grounds at the end of breaks.
2. Non-smokers will be protected from passive smoking. We will all take responsibility to prevent under 16's and non-smokers being offered or bought cigarettes. We will support those who want to give up smoking.
3. If leaving the venue it is safest to travel in parties of 3 or more. If you leave the venue make sure that someone knows where you are going and when you will return, if you leave the venue your actions and behaviour become your responsibility.
4. All participants are covered by group accident insurance, but in order to claim all accidents or injuries must be entered into the accident book held by a designated support worker.

To ensure security for individuals and personal belongings make sure that doors close properly when leaving the residential venue.

ISSUES OF COMMUNITY RESPONSIBILITY

1. All company members must be willing to accept responsibility for community well being and therefore will be expected to respect and support the needs of other company members.
2. It is important to begin and end each day together as a full company. It is expected that all members will attend morning Meeting for Worship and evening Epilogue.
3. Everyone is expected to be punctual and fully participate in all sessions.
4. Personal electronics such as personal stereos, mobile phones and gaming devices are only to be used in free time, and are not to be switched on during mealtimes, meeting for worship or event activities, These items are your own responsibility, The Leaveners can not be liable for any loss or damage to them at the event.
5. Bed times will be decided by project staff. Some people need more sleep than others; and it is very important that it is respected. Therefore:
Everyone is to be quiet after epilogue in the sleeping areas: corridors and bedrooms.
Everyone using the social areas after the agreed bedtime will do so quietly and so as not to disturb any nearby or upstairs rooms.
"Quiet" means no radios, playing of musical instruments, loud talking or laughing fits, or TV. It also means doors are shut and not allowed to slam, and no running or talking in corridors.
6. We are borrowing the residential venue and all participants will be expected to respect other people's property and the rights of neighbours and any residential staff to privacy as well as peace and quiet.

Quaker Youth Theatre projects are very special and it takes special effort to build and maintain a supportive and caring community. This must include being an active part of a caring and cooperative community the following is a guide as to how you may be able to play your part.

Being Part Of A Community Includes:

- Doing your part in clearing/washing/tidying etc.
- Listening when others are speaking
- Working to include others in the group
- Being respectful of the needs of others
- Not using putdowns or aggressive behaviour
- Allowing people space and privacy
- Co-operating with others in the group

QYT: guidelines for community: December 2003

Agreement of Community Living (To be signed by all participants)

I have read and understood the guidelines of community as written above. I understand that the sessions, production work, workshops, rehearsals and performances etc should be my number one priority, and I will be committing myself whole-heartedly to the project.

Signed..... Date.....