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We need to raise funds each year to keep our Youth Theatre groups affordable to all. If you are able to help by setting up a standing order or making a one-off donation when paying your fees, that would be truly appreciated. Equally, if you know a company or individual who might be interested in helping fund our work, please do let us know.

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Celebrate Legacy Jubilee Celebration

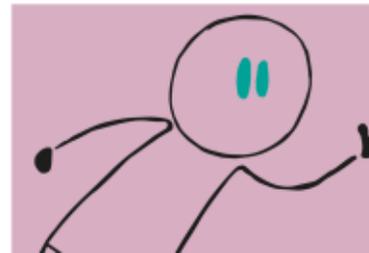


20 young people and elders from Tower Hamlets spent three weeks collaborating on a unique project celebrating the Queen's Platinum Jubilee and local Tower Hamlets history.

Members of Half Moon's Youth Theatres who live in and around Bow took part in this intergenerational piece of oral history and visual art, using exploratory play and drama to discover and celebrate local history and connect communities together.

The *Celebrate Legacy* artwork consists of portraits of young people and elders in the style of the Queen and banners representing ways in which Tower Hamlets celebrated the Queen's Coronation in 1953. Alongside this are audio recordings of interviews with the participants.

Supported by an award from Arts Council England's *Let's Create* Jubilee Fund, managed by the East End Communities Foundation, *Celebrate Legacy* was a collaboration between Clarion Futures, the charitable foundation of Clarion Housing Group, Half Moon Theatre, and the Old Ford Art Club. The programme enabled older residents to share memories and learnings from their lives and for younger residents to share their hopes for the future.



Did you know that we have a blog?
You can read about what's been going on at Half Moon at www.halfmoon.org.uk/blog

A hello from Graham, our Technical & Production Manager



How did you start working at Half Moon?

I was working on a gig for Pirate Crew loading set and equipment for an amateur dramatic group called SEDOS. At the conclusion of the gig a few of the crew got chatting with the members of SEDOS. It just so happened that two of the members were Stephen (our Communications Manager) and Dawn (our Board Chairperson), who mentioned that Half Moon were looking for a new Production Manager and asked if we knew anyone who might be a good fit. So I decided to apply myself.

What have you enjoyed most so far about working with us?

The variety of performances that we have on at the Half Moon from our productions to the Youth Theatre Sharings that are productions in themselves. It is a unique experience to not only work on in-house productions but also to have external productions come to us and it is a great way to learn and grow based on what others do.

When you are not at Half Moon, what are some of your favourite things to do?

I most enjoy going for walks or getting on my bike and just going for a ride, usually down by the Thames. However, the most enjoyable thing I like to do is meeting up with old colleagues and friends from previous places I have worked.

Autumn Term 2022 Dates

	First Session Back	Half Term (No Session)	Final Session and Sharing
Comets, Sunbeams and Moonbeams	Sat 24 September	Sat 29 October	Sat 3 December
Solar	Mon 26 September	Mon 24 October	Mon 5 December
Eclipse & Lunar	Tue 27 September	Tue 25 October	Tue 6 December
Equinox & Orbit	Wed 28 September	Wed 26 October	Wed 7 December

Celebrating Achievement

Each term we celebrate the positive contributions of two people from each Youth Theatre, as voted for by members of each group. This includes Jack Petchey Achievement Awards given across the Lunar, Solar and Orbit groups.

We also held our termly Youth Theatre Forum, where members are voted by their peers to represent their views. Thanks to all the members who gave their opinions! This term our reps were: **Dana** (Solar), **Cinar** and **Halima** (Eclipse), **Emily** and **Kiko** (Equinox), **Radhika** and **Rafa** (Lunar), **Alek** and **Laura** (Orbit). One of our trustees also attends the meeting.

This term we are celebrating:

- Eclipse** **Flora**, for being kind and fun , sharing good ideas, helping others and being supportive.
Nora, for being a good actress, being funny and kind, and a good listener.
- Equinox** **Aayan**, for being kind and never giving up.
Alizée, for being open minded and always including everyone.
- Lunar** **Joseph** (*Jack Petchey Achievement Award*), for being confident and a good leader.
Denni, for amazing participation, sharing good ideas and being ambitious.
- Orbit** **Lio** (*Jack Petchey Achievement Award*), for being friendly, imaginative and a good actor.
Gabriella, for always giving 110% effort, and being funny.
- Solar** **Desmond**, for being happy.
Tahera, for being good at listening to everyone.

A huge well done to all our Youth Theatre members for their hard work, energy and enthusiasm this term!

