



Strange Town is a performing arts company for 5-25 year olds that aims to foster creativity, nurture talent and increase access to opportunities in the arts to young people across Edinburgh.

Launched in 2008 by Steve Small and Ruth Hollyman, Strange Town strives to create work of the highest quality; to provide access to children and young adults of all backgrounds; and to provide training and mentoring, whether as part of a pathway into the arts as a career or simply to improve life skills.

The company offers weekly youth theatre classes and holiday courses for 8-18s at its base in Leith (multi arts space Out of the Blue) and drama projects to schools throughout Edinburgh. It also runs a young company for 18-25 year olds and a young actors' agency that puts its members (aged 5-25) forward for professional film, TV and theatre work. The company stages regular performances of new writing by young, emerging writers in Edinburgh's leading arts venues. Strange Town currently works with 300 young people every week in term time. The company also offers paid and voluntary work to young writers, directors, performers, drama tutors, stage managers and administrators.

#### Objectives

- to create the most exciting and respected performing arts company and creative catalyst for young people;
- to enable young people to develop their creative potential through opportunities to learn theatre and performance skills;
- to give members an insight into the creative industries, in particular the theatre profession, by offering opportunities to young writers, directors, stage managers, performers, drama tutors and arts administrators;
- to nurture the next generation of arts professionals by acting as a mentor.

[www.strangetown.org.uk](http://www.strangetown.org.uk)

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