



## Key Communications Messages 2019-20

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### Supporting, commissioning and developing the artists and companies of the future

We're supporting new artists and new work more than ever before.

In 2018, nine new artists and companies were supported through LAUNCH Academy, our brand-new professional development programme for artists and theatre-makers in Merseyside.

And with our focus on supporting working class and culturally diverse young people, we will continue our mission to break down the barriers many people face when starting a career in the arts through the ongoing LAUNCH programme.

The LAUNCH Academy legacy also continues as we:

- **support** successful LAUNCH Projects commissioned artist, Paislie Reid, with the research and development of *Thank You for the Hospitality*, a new show examining the treatment of bar and restaurant workers,
- and
- **commission** LAUNCH Academy graduates Kitchen Sink Live to produce our next Youth Theatre show, *The Shut Down*, at Unity Theatre, Liverpool.

We're also proud to be supporting the **development** of a whole host of other new work by artists and makers including:

- *The Spine*, a show about the the Football Academy system and the boys within it by Trainee Artistic Director, Nathan Powell,
- *Fenella Von Hoop*, an immersive performance for children about a woman who has forgotten who she is by RTYDS Assistant Director Placement, Rosalyne Norford,
- and
- *Buttercup*, a show in which a woman speaks up about her experiences of sexual abuse, by performer Dorcàs Sebuyange.

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### Working together at the heart of our local community

It's always been important to us, but we're continuing to develop long-lasting and meaningful partnerships with young people and arts organisations across Merseyside.

We're hosting the 'Windsor Street Party' with our creative and cultural neighbours in Toxteth as part of Liverpool's Light Night 2019 celebrations.

And exploring the themes of our next Youth Theatre show, our school-based beatboxing workshops will strengthen our partnership with the Academy of Saint Francis of Assisi.

We'll be developing a new partnership with Anfield Sports and Community Centre delivering dance workshops alongside 'world dance' specialists, Movema.

And this summer we'll be working with looked after young people delivering a two-week project alongside theatre for social change specialists, Collective Encounters.

Finally, in 2020 we'll be delivering our most ambitious Big Event Youth Theatre and Festival, helping up to sixty young people achieve their Bronze Arts Award qualification.

To find out more about some of our past education and outreach watch:

[www.tinyurl.com/Kings-leadership-outreach](http://www.tinyurl.com/Kings-leadership-outreach)

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## State of Mind: Putting the spotlight on mental health in the arts

We're proud to be advocating for better mental health and greater mental health awareness across all of our work.

Over the next four years, we'll be working in partnership with Merseyside Youth Association and Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services, with the aim of deepening our understanding of, and contribution to, the field of young people's mental health.

Through research and evaluation delivered by independent evaluators Annie Raw and Associates, we hope to get better at communicating the positive impact the arts may have on health and wellbeing.

Funding for our State of Mind work has been provided by the Paul Hamlyn Foundation.

Find out more about our first mental health project for young people:

[www.20storieshigh.org.uk/2018/05/14/time-to-breathe/](http://www.20storieshigh.org.uk/2018/05/14/time-to-breathe/)

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## Find Out More

We have a selection of videos and images that help tell these stories:

[www.youtube.com/20storieshighTV](http://www.youtube.com/20storieshighTV)

[www.flickr.com/20storieshigh](http://www.flickr.com/20storieshigh)

Or the links below will take you directly to the specific videos listed:

### **20 Stories High in 20 Words**

A general overview of the company

[www.tinyurl.com/20stories-in-20words](http://www.tinyurl.com/20stories-in-20words)

### **'Everyone has a story to tell**

A film about our education and outreach work

[www.tinyurl.com/BigEventFilm](http://www.tinyurl.com/BigEventFilm)

### **LAUNCH Trailer**

More about LAUNCH

[www.tinyurl.com/launch-info-trailer](http://www.tinyurl.com/launch-info-trailer)

### **'R.E. Trip...' Audience Feedback**

Find out what audiences say about our work

[www.tinyurl.com/REtrip-audiencefeedback](http://www.tinyurl.com/REtrip-audiencefeedback)

**Behind the Scenes: She's Leaving Home**

Discover how we work within the community

[www.tinyurl.com/leavinghome-behindthescenes](http://www.tinyurl.com/leavinghome-behindthescenes)

**Behind the Scenes: The Broke 'N' Beat Collective**

An example of our collaborative artistic process

[www.tinyurl.com/beatcollective-behindthescenes](http://www.tinyurl.com/beatcollective-behindthescenes)

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