



YOUTH CHARTER



HACKNEY SHED believes in a world in which young people of all experiences and backgrounds can come together and be creative.

This Charter has been developed with our **YOUNG PEOPLE** to represent the qualities and values of Hackney Shed :



What is **TRUE** about **HACKNEY SHED** ?

At Hackney Shed, people are brought together in a **non-judgemental and inclusive way**. Inclusive can mean many different things. Some of the ways Hackney Shed is inclusive are: being donation based, having different projects for different ages, using images as well as text for written activities.

Hackney Shed helps to develop **confidence** in young people.

Hackney Shed helps to make young people more **skilled performers** and finds opportunities for them to share their **creativity**.

At Hackney Shed People can **express themselves** and listen to each other. Everyone's voice is important.

What is **SPECIAL** or **UNIQUE** about **HACKNEY SHED**?

The way people are treated is unique. Everyone is included, made to feel **safe, valued, listened to** and treated with **respect**.

There is **diversity** in Hackney Shed in lots of different ways. People's differences are celebrated and respected.

Hackney Shed is a very **creative place** and there is lots of variety in what we create. Young people at Hackney Shed lead the direction of what is created.

Hackney Shed offers **opportunities** for young people to try other creative skills beyond acting if you want to.





OUR VALUES

Creative

C **OMMUNITY** – Hackney Shed is committed to building a community. Hackney Shed values building connections across our different communities to bring people together. Many people stay with Hackney Shed for many years, and even become volunteers or members of staff.

R **ELATIONSHIPS** – Hackney Shed is an opportunity for young people to socialise with friends and meet new people.

E **NJOYMENT** – Hackney Shed is a place where young people come to have fun and feel good about themselves.

A **CCEPTANCE** – Every young person at Hackney Shed is valued and appreciated for their uniqueness. We value different ways of thinking, creating and communicating. We support young people with their feelings and needs.

T **HEATRE** – We use theatre to develop acting and performing skills and allow young people to connect with each other. We champion the creativity, self-expression and imagination of our young people in all our projects.

I **NCLUSIVITY** – Hackney Shed are committed to including everyone. We will work to remove barriers to access for every young person.

V **OICES OF YOUNG PEOPLE** - Everyone is committed to all the young people who are part of Hackney Shed. We are committed to noticing and valuing young people's experiences and perspectives.

E **NCOURAGEMENT** – Hackney Shed will support young people to step out of their comfort zone and try new things whilst making sure people feel safe and their boundaries are respected.

