

RUTH ALLISON

DIRECTOR AND DRAMA FACILITATOR

I am an early-career director and facilitator based in Greater Manchester with a particular interest in working with and for young people, and those young at heart. I have a flair for devising and directing community- engaged theatre, as well as facilitating drama experiences for groups who may not have regular access to the arts. I enjoy making theatre that is playful, heartfelt, and celebratory of the voices of those who made it.

EDUCATION:

LIVERPOOL INSTITUTE FOR PERFORMING ARTS

BA (Hons) Applied Theatre and Community Drama

2018-2021

Drawing upon my experiences as a performer, I have had the opportunity to collaborate with other students, industry professionals and the community of Merseyside to create a range of theatre that includes (but not limited to) Young Person's Theatre, Political Theatre and a large-scale Community Performance.

EXAMPLES OF MY WORK:

DIRECTORIAL CREDITS:

'No Regrets' by Gary McNair, performed by the Young Octagon Company from March 15-29th 2025 at the Octagon Theatre (Bolton) and The Lowry (Salford).

Untitled Research and Development Project as an assistant director, composed and directed by Dylan Townley, shared on July 3rd 2024 after 4 R+D sessions at the Octagon Theatre, Bolton.

'A Creature of Habit', 'A Short Play' & 'Things We See in The Rain', by Nick Maynard, performed at 53Two (Manchester) on 15th March 2024, produced by Farewell Theatre Company.

'Orchestra' by Charlie Josephine, performed by the Young Octagon Company from April 15th-20th 2024 at the Octagon Theatre (Bolton) and The Lowry (Salford).

FACILITATION CREDITS:

ESU Shakespeare - Monologue Development, Workshop Facilitator, delivering workshops to 11-13 year olds in Bolton that aim to explore the basics of performing Shakespeare's text, alongside 1-1 coaching sessions at Bolton School.

Book of Belonging, Workshop Facilitator, delivering performance poetry workshops to 7-9 year olds in Bolton, as part of a wider project developed by Creatives Now, June 2025

Levy Little Theatre, Tots and Kids Class facilitator, facilitating regular drama workshops to 3-11 year olds, alongside ad-hoc holiday projects, 2023- present.

Rattle and Roll, Drama Teacher, delivering wrap-around drama and musical theatre clubs and Drama in Education provision to 4-11 year olds, in schools across Manchester, 2023- present.

Octagon Theatre, Youth Theatre Director, facilitating regular drama workshops to 7-19 year olds, alongside work with early years participants, 2022- present.

Georgian Theatre Royal, Richmond, Youth Theatre Officer, facilitating regular drama and musical theatre workshops to 6-18 year olds, 2021-2022.

To find out more about these projects, and further examples of my work, please visit my [website](https://ruthallisondrama.wixsite.com/website).

REFERENCES:

Dylan Townley, Theatrical Composer

Imogen Woolrich, Previous Head of Creative Engagement

at The Octagon Theatre

Jo-Anne Mawhinney, CEO of the Georgian Theatre Royal, Richmond.

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