

Case study

The Bridge School and New Wolsey Theatre

A Day at the Theatre

The Bridge School is a SEND school for students with profound learning difficulties in Ipswich. Recognising the importance of providing students with meaningful experiences of work, this project aimed to offer the students a positive experience of the workplace. Given the 6th Form students' unique challenges, their Enterprise Adviser, Sian Thomas, Creative Learning Producer, New Wolsey Theatre, Ipswich, provided them with a day at the theatre.

The 6th Form students arrived in the morning with their individual carers and were tasked with preparing the theatre's current season programmes to be sent out to their members. For many of them this was the first time they had ever done this type of task and they went at it with enthusiasm.

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In the afternoon, a Drama Workshop was arranged for the students to participate in. After consulting with the students, the organisers then created dramatic characters based on students' interests. The theme decided on was "characters living in space". The students were given clay and created their own space characters. The activity was sensory based and was flexible to include all students. The whole day overall was a huge success.



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