

Blue Teapot  
Performing  
Arts School



Student  
Handbook



# Welcome

Founded in 2010, Blue Teapot Performing Arts School delivers quality assured FETAC accredited performing arts training specifically to adults with intellectual disabilities.

Based in the heart of Galway City close to vibrant arts and cultural amenities, the three year course provides an excellent platform whereby creativity, fun and

learning are combined to equip students with a foundation in fulfilling their artistic potential.

Blue Teapot is committed to providing high quality programme delivery and learning opportunities for people who cannot access places on more traditional theatre/ performing arts colleges.

“We are all different, there is no such thing as a standard or run-of-the mill human being, but we share the same human spirit. What is important is that we have the ability to create. This creativity can take many forms, from physical achievement to theoretical physics. However difficult life may seem, there is always something you can do and succeed at”

*Professor Stephen Hawkings, The Paralympic Games 2012*

# Performing is our passion...



As a student of Blue Teapot Performing Arts School, we understand that you are an imaginative and passionate performer in the making.

It is therefore our purpose to inspire you.

Blue Teapot is not a Stage School and we don't promise you a career in Hollywood, a starring role in your favourite soap or that you'll have a number one hit record (but you never know!).

However, we respect that you aim or intend to pursue a fulfilled, creative life, enhanced by what you will learn here.

You will be encouraged to:

- Be creative
- Learn key skills
- Feel free to make mistakes
- Absorb information
- Think independently
- Support one another
- Achieve artistic goals
- Obtain vocational qualifications
- Gain a lifelong appreciation of the arts

# Programme Structure



## YEAR ONE Core Skills

*Introduction to FETAC Level 2 modules in:*

- Drama
- Costume Art & Design
- Non Verbal Communications
- Music
- Creative Theatre Craft
- Pattern & Relationships

*Assessment & Certification:*

Successful completion of the above modules leads to a General Learning Major Award.

*In addition, core skills will be introduced in:*

- Dance & Movement
- Theatre Performance,
- Theatre Production with regular theatre visits
- Adult literacy classes provided by GABES
- Stagecraft
- Performance project

## YEAR TWO Develop Skills

*Foundation FETAC Level 3 Component Modules:*

- Drama
- Drawing
- Art & Design
- Event Participation
- Media Expression
- Music Appreciation

*Assessment & Certification:*

Successful completion of the above modules leads to a Component Award.

*In addition, skills will also be introduced or developed in:*

- Theatre Production
- Dance
- Singing
- Acting For Film
- Creating
- Craft (puppetry)
- Professional development – preparing for auditions.
- Interpersonal Skills

## YEAR THREE Practise Skills

*Continuation of Level 3 component modules*

Practise of developed skills can include:

- Event participation in street parades or site specific theatre or dance.
- End of term performance showcases
- Backstage and front of house experience on a production
- Preparation for progression to higher level education or employment

