



# Newsletter

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Yaller Skunk in association with the Catford Broadway present a holocaust remembrance



Sunday January 25th @ the Catford Broadway Theatre 3.30pm

Hello to you all,

Firstly can I just apologies to you all for missing the meeting yesterday. This was just a break down in communication as both myself and Kevin were convinced that it was to be held on this Thursday. Once again I apologies.

On the plus side we were in school, delivering this project and I am delighted to tell you that the event on the 25th January 2009 has just gone into it's last week of rehearsal before the December break.

We have been tirelessly marching forwards with our ideas, and it has come together with some surprising results. I believe that we are in for a memorial that will make us all stop to reflect.

We have had a couple of disappointments in the last week, unfortunately Lewisham College and Forest Hill have had to drop out of our secondary school evenings. I'm very disappointed as we have delivered our workshops with several great responses. Lewisham College has a staffing issue, as two of their full time drama staff have Hospital appointments, from now through until late January for recuperation.

I am now in the process of contacting a couple of other places Catford High being one of these. I'm confident that we will still have sufficient enough participants to make it an event to remember.

Both Lewisham College and Forest Hill have been asked if they would submit a couple of students to deliver some readings on the night, and so far Lewisham have got back to me saying that yes they are happy for this to happen.

I spent a lovely morning at Catford and Bromley Synagogue and we have discussed their taking part in the event. I am aiming to run some workshops with them but amazingly the two excellent ladies have taken things into their own hands and are happy to get started with out me. I'm much obliged to both.

Our professional evening is all the process of being finalised so there will be more to follow shortly on that, but in the mean time I'll leave you with a quote from an Auschwitz visitor.

*"They lead us into a room where it felt like the hairs on the back of my neck were standing up. It wasn't until later that I discovered why. It was the chamber. When we were speaking to the survivor afterwards he told us, ..." I thank you for your visit, please don't forget to tell everyone of your experience. People will listen to you." It was with that that I promptly moved to tears." Olivia Jones*

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Andy Bond at John Stainer.

“The students are at a point where they understand everything that is expected of them. They have been rehearsing tirelessly and I think are looking forwards to performing on the 25th. They are taking it all very seriously, and are dealing with things in a very mature way!”

A personal note from Mark Curtis!  
It's been very busy up to this point. We have covered a massive 7 weeks of workshop time, with a week for devising in the middle at half term. We have come into contact with around 500 students. I'm happy with what we have delivered. There is always room for improvement and there are things that I would do differently. I think what has surprised me most as we head now towards Christmas is the overall feeling for the work everyone involved has become a part of. We are totally wrapped up in the seriousness of what our message should be. The 25th is going to be uplifting. Though provoking. But definitely up lifting!

