



News June 2010

The voters have spoken. Cuts are coming. We should try to influence decisions by lobbying carefully, cogently and modestly with realistic proposals which are good value for money.

Would it be more productive if schemes like *A Night Less Ordinary* gave way to decent funding for more producers of theatre? £500k could enable 20 existing companies to create a new show for schools and venues, reaching up to half a million kids. [Share your ideas here.](#)

Reports

Your current International Representative visited Turkey for the **Little Ladies & Little Gentlemen** Festival in Ankara.

[Read the report here](#)

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News Shorts: England

Marcus Romer of [Pilot Theatre](#) is just back from directing in Argentina.

Laurence Wilson won the Brian Way Award 2010 for **Blackberry Trout Face**. More from [Theatre Centre](#)

10 June: London: Towards a World Theatre Council. International conference to seek ways to unite ITI, ASSITEJ, IDEA, IATA, UNIMA and other organisations with UK branches. *Report in July*

28 June –2 July: Leicester, England: IUTA 8th World Congress: Theatre and Pedagogy Centre for Excellence in Performance Arts, De Montfort University. www.aitu-iuta.org

1 July: London: Diorama: TYA England Committee meeting.

2 July: London: ICA: Nash House, 12 Carlton House Terrace. **2-4pm. LIFT, TYA-UK and Takeoff Festival** present a discussion of international perspectives in Theatre for Young Audience with Nina Hajjianni (Chair), Simon Abrahams (Polyglot Theatre, Australia), Lyn Gardner (The Guardian), Tony Graham (Unicorn Theatre), Darren O'Donnell (Mammalian Diving Reflex, Canada) and Miranda Thain (Theatre Hullabaloo).

16 July: London: Westminster University [International Symposium](#)

News Shorts: NI

Belfast Childrens Festival was great with excellent international shows and a challenging Symposium. [Report here](#)

TYA-NI has elected **Eimear Henry** to replace David Fenton on the UK Board. A new AD for [Replay Theatre](#) will be sought in due course

An All-Ireland **Gathering** will possibly be held in Belfast this October. Plans are for a showcase of 'works in progress' by new artists.

ASSITEJ UK International Representative: 2010-14

Nina Hajjianni was elected by 25 votes to 2. Although Nina could not be present as she had just returned from working with a playwright in Soweto, she has sent this acceptance speech.

[Read the statement here](#)

Opportunities Abroad

Small Size Seeding Fund

Jo Belloli reports on the small grants available under the EU funded Early Years network over the next five years.

[Details are here](#)

Festivals Abroad

May 31 – June 6: Basel, Switzerland: SPOT 2010. 24th SwissTheatre festival for young audiences: www.festivalspot.ch **Free accommodation** for programmers info@astej.ch

9-11 July: Mülheim an der Ruhr, Germany: PLAY YOUNG: International Symposium on writing for children in theatre, film and literature. www.playyoung.de

22-27 July: Tehran, Iran: 13th Tehran International Puppet Theater Festival: Stage and street performances preferably on Nations' Cultures, Ancient Legends and folk tales. Applications by end May. For details email: dac@neda.net

July / August: Asian Festivals in Seoul, Osaka, Okinawa.

16-25 August: Huy, Belgium. Showcase of 50 plus high quality productions. Check TYA News from mid-June. Freebies for visiting programmers. www.ctej.be

7-14 November: Mantova, Italy: Segni d'Infanzia. Big new festival led by dynamic company. www.segnidinfanzia.org

ASSITEJ Congress 2011
www.assitej2011.org

12 – 19 November: Yaounde, Cameroun: 8th Edition African Theatre Festival for Children & Young People: “Africa Meets The World”. Website: www.fatej.org from August. Email: theatrechoco@comic.com

Vicky Ireland has been very active in her role as Deputy International representative. [Read her annual report here.](#)

Vicky also visited Copenhagen and Malmo in May to advise on the ASSITEJ Congress 2011 arrangements.

As a member of the [Congress Advisory Committee](#) she is helping to prepare the great range of discussions and workshops which run alongside the General Assembly and the Festival of World Theatre for Young Audiences.

Possible UK contributions are an 'Open Space' on the future of ASSITEJ and a seminar on Disability in TYA.

Find more festivals on the ASSITEJ International website.

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UK Event Diary

31 May -13 June: Leicester: [The Spark Children's Arts Festival.](#)



15 - 19 June: York: [Little Feet:](#)

New Festival for children aged 18 months old – 12 years and their families.

Organised by **Tutti Frutti** and **York Theatre Royal.**

23-27 June: Oxford: [Ciao! Festival](#) Theme of Climate Change with Ark Installation!

2 July: London, ICA: LIFT seminar

16 July: London: Westminster University [Symposium](#)

7-9 Sept: London: [Japan – UK Forum](#)

October: All Ireland Gathering, Belfast

11-12 Nov: Darlington: [Takeoff Festival](#)

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