

FAMDA Youth Engagement Implementation Plan

This plan sets out practical steps for engaging young people in FAMDA's activities. The aim is to develop skills, foster creativity, and build the next generation of performers, technicians, and audiences.

1. Purpose

- To provide pathways for young people to participate in theatre.
- To build confidence, skills, and community connections for youth members.
- To ensure FAMDA remains relevant and sustainable through generational renewal.

2. Mentoring & Training

- Pair young participants with experienced mentors in acting, stagecraft, and technical roles.
- Offer workshops in performance, directing, lighting, and sound.
- Create opportunities for youth to shadow adult production roles in a safe and supported way.

3. Youth Performances & Programming

- Include a youth-focused production in the FAMDA program (e.g., one full play and one One Act Play within three years).
- Encourage schools and youth groups to enter the One Act Play Festival.
- Develop short-form projects that allow young people to showcase their skills without heavy time commitments.

4. Inclusion & Accessibility

- Keep costs low or subsidised for youth participation.
- Provide safe and inclusive spaces in line with FAMDA's Child Safety Policy.
- Encourage diverse participation from across the South Gippsland community.

5. Retention & Development

- Recognise achievements through certificates, program mentions, and public thanks.
- Provide pathways for youth to transition from performer to technical or leadership roles.
- Encourage ongoing involvement through membership, volunteering, and creative opportunities.

6. Partnerships

- Build relationships with local schools, libraries, and youth organisations.
- Collaborate with other theatre companies to share resources and opportunities.
- Seek support from local councils and community organisations for youth projects.

This plan ensures that FAMDA creates structured opportunities for youth participation and development. It should be implemented gradually, with progress reviewed annually and updated as new opportunities emerge.