

PRESS RELEASE

We'd LOVE to send YOU or someone you know a Letter

***Love Letters to the Town* is a special project, by and with a group of local Young Writers who have something hopeful to share with the people of Ellesmere Port and the world.**

We can often learn wisdom from children and young people if we give them space to express their ideas and find ways to listen. Not least at times of crisis. And that's why the company behind the initiative, Action Transport Theatre, are looking for people who would like to receive a message. Is that you? Or can you think of someone that would love a letter?

Action Transport Theatre intends that the initiative will create individual bridges between young writers and local communities. The letters will be messages of hope and positivity, and the aim is to provide something of value for the recipients to think about for those needing to feel optimistic about the future.

Experimental in its approach to writing, theatre and performance - Action Transport Theatre have performed on buses, in disused buildings and even people's houses in the past! All with children and young people's voices at its heart.

For **#LoveLettersToTheTown** they also hope this summer they can bring a bit of magic to people in their homes, including having the young people reading the letters to recipients; either in front rooms as residents watch through their window or even at a safe distance in gardens to hear what our young writers have to say.

All the selected recipients will be left with a copy of the letter, a balloon and the opportunity to reply themselves by letter or postcard. The project is also being made into a short film by a local filmmaker for release later in the year.

In addition to letters to individuals in the town, the young writers will also be writing to the town itself, outlining their thoughts and feelings about place and community and how we can all look towards a bright future.

What else are they up to?

Action Transport Theatre are undergoing a significant capital project which will result in the transformation of locally listed Whitby Hall into a vibrant and welcoming community arts space in Whitby Park, Ellesmere Port.

The company want people to know about this continuing, exciting and ambitious project for a much loved, but run-down building and look forward to welcoming them when this new art space opens in the future.

Love Letters to the Town is just one of many projects which local people can get involved with as part of an outreach programme underpinning this development. They are also working on some ambitious and exciting ideas to work with families over the summer - including dance, walking trails and sculpture making around Whitby Park.

To find out and sign-up for a free letter more visit the Love Letters to the Town webpage <http://www.actiontransporttheatre.org/LoveLetters> or make sure you follow them on Facebook, Twitter or Instagram using the hashtag #LoveLettersToTheTown

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Resources available:

- <http://www.actiontransporttheatre.org/LoveLetters>
- http://www.actiontransporttheatre.org/sites/default/files/uploads/attachments/love_letters_-_a5_flyer.pdf
- http://www.actiontransporttheatre.org/sites/default/files/uploads/attachments/love_letters_-_a3_poster.pdf
- <http://www.actiontransporttheatre.org/sites/default/files/uploads/images/love-letters-digital-flyer.jpg>

NOTES FOR EDITORS

At Action Transport Theatre we don't believe children are the future. We know they are the now, the present. Their individual ideas and imaginations are relevant today and inspire and inform everything we do.

We work with children and young people as creative collaborators, to make professional and aspirational theatre which we share locally, regionally, nationally and internationally from our home in Ellesmere Port...

Action Transport Theatre is a children's and young people's theatre company based in Whitby Hall, Ellesmere Port. They have found national acclaim with their innovative theatre productions.

ATT works with children and young people, providing skills, experience, opportunity and access to the arts. ATT also collaborates with children and young people to make professional and aspirational theatre, which they share locally, nationally and internationally.

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