

RAPID RESPONSE THEATRE

YOUTH CHOICES
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Years 6 to 12



Performance Type

Interactive issues based workshop



Audience Size

Up to 100 students per session



Duration

60-90 minutes, including discussion

What is Rapid Response Theatre?

Rapid Response Theatre is a facilitated, improvised exploration of any school, youth, or community issue on demand - not just topics already covered in Youth Choices programs. Rapid Reponse Theatre is an agile engagement tool that allows youth participants to discuss and find solutions to issues happening in real time in their communities.

The session begins with an initial facilitated discussion around an issue the participants nominate, which is then played out as an improvised scene by our professional acting team.

This is followed by replays of the scene, each time taking on board audience suggestions and ideas to try to reach a better outcome. Alternatively, when the show is booked, a focus topic can be nominated for the scenarios.

After discussing the issue, students decide what the scene is going to be about, which characters the actors are going to play, how the scene will end (which is always in crisis, or the worst possible outcome) and any other background information that may be useful.

Once this is settled, the actors perform the scene that the students have just devised, complete with the crisis ending. The scene is then replayed, however the students will be encouraged to "freeze" the action at any point and suggest alternatives to avoid the negative outcome of the first telling. The actors don't make it easy for the audience to fix, reminding them that some problems require a fair bit of creative thinking and often multiple suggestions to find the best result.

Audience members also have the opportunity to get on stage and play the characters if they wish!

Book a Youth Choices performance today!

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