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## About PlayShop

PlayShop is a Wellington-based performance company that aims to create spontaneous, thrilling theatre. We create opportunities for people to experience the joy of playful interaction through theatre, storytelling, education, and improvisation. We are risk-takers, open to the potential of every moment, so that actor and audience share meaningful stories that arise from the present, and stay in memory for time to come.

Artistic Director Lori Leigh can be contacted on [director@playshop.co.nz](mailto:director@playshop.co.nz)

## About our teachers

PlayShop members are experienced theatre practitioners, and many of us have specialist skills in script analysis, mask, clown and viewpoints, as well as improvisation. For us, improvisation is a performance methodology, a tool for collaborative creation, and an artistic philosophy. Teachers include Jennifer O'Sullivan, Samuel Phillips, Simon Haren, and more.



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## Find out more...

### Sign up your school's teams now!

We are now accepting registrations in the Playground Programme for our 8 week courses in term 3. The start date is negotiable and we're prepared to work with schools to tailor the programme to your needs.

Open to all schools in the WCC region.

### Contact PlayShop now

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## PlayShop presents PLAYGROUND

Creating a vibrant community of Wellington youth through improvisational theatre



## The PlayGround: Bringing the joy of improvisation to Wellington's youth



**"Very well run, real cool people, a general fun time. It was a really comfortable environment to perform in."**

Elena, Wellington East

**"I'm glad we had the chance to do something like this and I hope we could do it again."**

Taane, Newlands College

**"I had a lot of fun working with Sam, our tutor and all the other staff in both the lessons, workshop and performance."**

Jon, Scots College

**"I enjoyed learning the new games and meeting new people."**

Miriam, Newlands College



## More than improvisation

Learning improvisation with PlayShop teaches your students collaboration, builds confidence, fosters creativity and spontaneity, and encourages risk-taking in a safe environment with some of Wellington's top improvisors and theatre makers.

The Playground is an eight week after school programme for improv teams across Wellington's secondary schools. Our tutors come to your school and lead 1.5 hour workshops with students interested in improvisation, as well as providing regular inter-school workshops and events.



## Opportunities for performance

Our improvisation programme concludes with a public performance held at Victoria University where students from all schools will perform together and share their new skills with friends, family and the Wellington improvisation community. We also hope to assist your teams to put on performances in your area, and can provide mentorship in production and directing.

Thanks to WCC Creative Communities, this programme is available at **no cost** to your school, and any funds raised through your own performances can be reinvested in your school.