

ROSE THEATRE KINGSTON RAISES OVER £6,000 FOR LOCAL CHARITIES

Rose Theatre Kingston has raised over £6,000 for local charities, including over £2,000 for their newly announced Rose Youth Theatre Bursary scheme. Throughout the run of their Christmas show *Alice in Winterland*, the Rose collected each week for a different charity.

The charities chosen were a selected mixture of local and global charities that support those most vulnerable in society. They were **Love Kingston**, a local charity appeal which raises money to support charities and good causes across the Royal Borough of Kingston; **Diana Award's Anti-Bullying Campaign**, which works across a number of different projects aimed at reducing bullying in schools; **StreetInvest**, a global charity which exists to create positive sustainable change for children who live or work on the streets; and the **Rose Youth Theatre Bursary**, a new scheme which will allow disadvantaged children and teenagers the opportunity to participate in the Rose's youth theatre programmes by providing extra support to them and their family.

Ciaran McConville, Director of Learning & Participation at the Rose and responsible for the Rose Youth Theatre said: *'I'd like to thank everyone who came to the Rose over Christmas and donated to all our charity collections. I'm humbled and overwhelmed at the audiences' generosity. Accessibility is imperative in the arts, now more than ever, and the £2,000 raised for the Rose Youth Theatre Bursary will allow a wider range of young actors to benefit from the schemes' extensive opportunities.'*

Tessa Kind, Community Fundraising Manager at Love Kingston said: *'Thanks so much to the very generous audiences of Alice in Winterland. Of the money raised for Love Kingston, 60% will go into our Love Kingston legacy fund for the future giving in Kingston borough and 36% will be granted in 2018 to charitable groups or projects tackling our current theme of isolation and 4% supports the work of Love Kingston. All the money stays local, so will benefit the community now and in the future.'*

The Rose wishes all the charities involved the very best for 2018. If any local charities wish to put themselves forward to be considered for donations during their next Christmas show, please email info@rosetheatrekingston.org

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