

Our Vision

We believe that theatre is central to democracy so seek to produce essential and exciting new work by fresh voices that speak truth to power in our city, country and around the world.



Our Mission

To be an award winning, new writing theatre company that produces and presents brand new work from, and for, Scotland and across the world, in communities, on the road and online. To produce and present work that challenges expectation, form and convention to create bold theatre with the power to change lives.

For the spaces in our building to be exciting and democratic areas where audiences and artists meet as equals to explore the world around them, experience the lives of others, discuss and debate what our future could - or should - look like, and lose themselves in the most engaging and exciting entertainment around.

Our Values

The Traverse Theatre is guided by six central value pillars:

Creativity

We celebrate and champion imaginative thinking, and believe in the creative potential of everyone. We seek to discover and nurture fresh, representative voices, providing a platform for emerging directors, writers and theatre makers.

Inclusivity

We welcome everyone to be part of the Traverse experience, to hear and value their opinions and inform our decisions. We provide safe spaces to enable artists, theatre-makers and audiences to ask questions and seek answers.

Resilience

We work with integrity and respect, are business-like and professional.

We are a charity and public benefit is our business. We exercise a duty of care for the artists we work with, our audiences, in our business and our building.

Innovation

We embrace change and champion enterprising thinking within the cultural sector. We aim to push boundaries, think out of 'our' box, stretch possibility, drive new developments and be bold in our practice.

Engagement

We make theatre for, with and by the communities of Edinburgh, Scotland, and beyond. Our support for emerging talent from across society inspires audiences, hungry for new and bold theatre experiences.

Collaboration

The Traverse team works in collaboration with one another, and all of our external partners, to create and deliver the best possible programme and experience for audiences and artists alike.



These values express the way we work to deliver our vision. They are the qualities that outline the character of the company for staff, artists with whom we work, and audiences.