

## The Encounter – Playwriting Competition

Thank you for taking part in today's workshop. Following on from the work you have completed during the session, we would like to invite you to take part in a playwriting competition. During the workshop, we started to think about your Grandparent's stories of rebellion – however small or large these acts of rebellion are -- and now, we want to use these stories as a starting point to create a fictional dramatic scene focused around an **encounter**. We would like you to think about:

- What might have happened in this character's life after they carried out their act of rebellion?
- How might it have directly or indirectly affected someone else's life? Could these affects last throughout that person's life?

We would like you to create a scene that shows an **encounter** between your central character and a person significantly affected by this act of rebellion. This encounter could happen a month afterwards, a year afterwards or several decades afterwards and it needs to reveal to the audience what the event was. Think about:

- How will the event be revealed to create maximum tension and revealing of character's personalities?
- Do both characters both immediately realise who the other is? If not, how could their identity become revealed within the scene?
- Is the situation that brings them together believable as well as interesting?

The scene should be no more than 4-5 pages in length. We are running this competition across 7 schools in 5 different areas of the country, with approximately 180 students being invited to take part. The two winners will have their scenes published on the Theatre Centre website, receive signed copies of the script and a £15 book voucher. The runner up will receive a £15 book voucher. The deadline for submissions is **July 19 2013** and the winners will be announced in September 2013. We look forward to receiving your entry!

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(Entry form overleaf)

## Entry Form

Please include this sheet with your completed script

Name and Form Group: \_\_\_\_\_

School: \_\_\_\_\_

Title of Scene: \_\_\_\_\_

Synopsis of scene: \_\_\_\_\_

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