



## **What is the Wyvern Foundation?**

The Wyvern Foundation was set up as a charity in 2008 with this purpose:

'The Charity's objects are to advance the education and training of children and young persons in Swindon and the surrounding areas by their participation and involvement with all aspects of the performing arts including, stagecraft, scriptwriting, choreography, dance, drama, music and singing.'

## **Who runs the charity?**

The charity is a small one run by a committee of volunteers who currently are volunteer ushers at the Wyvern and Arts Centre. Committee members do not have to be an usher – they must be over 18 and support the aims of the charity.

## **How does the Wyvern Foundation get its money?**

The charity raises funds throughout the year. Events are run in conjunction with the Wyvern Theatre Hospitality such as Race Night in November, and some are run by the charity such as a Barn Dance. Income is raised via ticket sales, raffles and donations. There are also bucket collections after each performance during SYP week.

## **Bursaries**

### **What is a bursary?**

A bursary is a grant towards the costs of attending Swindon Youth Project (SYP) which is awarded to children and young people taking part.

### **Who can apply for a bursary?**

Anyone who auditions for SYP and is subsequently accepted can apply by completing an application form.

### **How much is the bursary?**

The amount awarded is 50% of the fee.

### **Does everyone who applies receive a bursary?**

All applications are considered on their individual circumstances by two Wyvern Foundation committee members.

### **When will I know whether I have been awarded a bursary?**

You will be informed by Nyree once your application has been considered by the charity whether you have been successful.

## **Grants**

### **What does a grant cover?**

The charity also provides small grants to children and young people who apply for financial help with their training / education in any aspect of the performing arts. This includes help towards fees, materials and equipment.

### **Who can apply for a grant?**

Any young person who is undertaking training in the performing arts. Applications from groups are also considered.

### **How can I apply for a grant?**

The criteria and application forms can be found on the website: <http://wyvernfoundation.org.uk/>. All applications are considered by the committee and applicants are informed whether they have been successful or not.

### **How much is a grant for?**

There is no set limit but grants are generally a contribution towards costs as our funds are limited.