



“IT’S YOUR TURN 2023” : INFORMATION SHEET

Who can take part?

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Any child aged twelve or under, living in Great Britain who was either born in Ireland or who has parents, grandparents or great grandparents that were.

The parents of any children who live in a country other than Great Britain should contact anne@greencurtaintheatre.co.uk in the first instance as we do have slots for children from other countries.

.What are the children allowed to perform?

We are happy for the children to do anything that **connects to Irish culture** provided we can film them remotely using Zoom. This could be:

- reciting a poem in Irish or English
- doing some Irish dancing
- performing a monologue in Irish or English
- singing a song
- playing an instrument in Irish or English
- talking about an activity such as playing GAA sports
- something else that is not on this list. We can talk this through when you contact us.

How Long Should the Piece be?

There is no limit on minimum length, but the maximum length should be no longer than three minutes.

Can you provide us with some suggestions of what to perform?

You will find a manual on our website from February 1st 2023. This will contains some poems, pieces to act and suggestions for songs.

Do the children need costumes?

Not necessarily. The children should wear what they are comfortable in, however a bit of green and a bit of bling is always nice if you have any around the house.

What do you need to take part?

If **we** film the children for you then you will need to have a laptop/P.C or similar that has a webcam (*most of these come as standard*). You will also need to have Zoom loaded onto the device and access to Wi-Fi or broadband. Please get in touch if you don't have these as I am sure that we can help you find a solution.

If you wish to film your child **yourself** then you will need a Smartphone that has a video camera. You should use the 'Landscape' setting on your phone. We also need the children to:

- introduce themselves on camera e.g. 'My name is X and I am X years old'.
- say what they will be performing
- dedicate to friends and relations in Ireland
- we also to wait for 15 seconds before you start filming and 15 seconds afterwards so we can edit the piece without cutting your child's performance.

Take a look at last year's video if you are unclear what to do.

Where will you film the children?

We will film the children in their homes or at a location of their parents choosing. We need the performers to be in a quiet room which is well lit. It is also helpful if we can video the children against a plain wall as they stand out better. Don't worry if you don't have this as we can work around it.

When will you do this filming?

We would like to start in the second half February continuing through to March so that we have time to edit the piece together by March 17th? We will agree a mutually convenient time with you.

How long does the filming take?

If everything goes right about half an hour or less but we would advise you to set aside an hour for this purpose. We will arrange two sessions with you a few days apart. The first is a practice session and the second the actual recording that we will use.

What happens to the video once it has been made?

It will be broadcast on our YouTube channel from St Patrick's Day 2023. We will send you a link well in advance so you send it to your family and friends. It will also go on our Facebook page.

Will my child's name appear on the video?

Only their first name and a broad location e.g. Sorcha from Essex.

How much does this cost?

It is free to take part.

Who are Green Curtain Theatre?

We are a very small fringe theatre company who create and perform plays and videos which tell stories about Irish people living in Great Britain. We have been going for about eleven years. You can find out more about us from our website www.greencurtaintheatre.co.uk.