



Directing

What is it?

Directing is about being responsible for putting any play you have chosen on stage, with the support of all other areas necessary for this to happen.

Where do you start?

Find a script that you really like and contact the Music and Drama Committee to discuss what ideas you have or what they are looking for. Talk to other people who have directed and maybe consider shadowing a director during rehearsals.

What do you need to know?

How Shaftesbury Arts Centre operates regarding productions and then more details of what is expected of a director and who to ask advice from. There are Production Guidelines, which can be useful for you to see what is expected from each role in the Production team.

What skills would help?

- Interpersonal skills, being passionate about any production you want to direct and having a clear vision for this.
- Organisational skills are a must, ability to work in a team and communication with everyone involved are also essential.

What help will I get?

The Arts Centre is always very keen on welcoming new people and will offer whatever help is needed in whatever area. All you need to do is ask!

Most challenging part?

To remain patient, empathetic and supportive whenever the situation presents itself but to be prepared to have to possibly deal with difficult situations in a positive way.

To always remember that this is people's leisure time

Most enjoyable part?

The whole process should be enjoyable for everyone otherwise there is no point!

Why do it?

Because it's fun, fulfilling and challenging. You get to meet and work with lots of lovely and interesting people.