**Tall Stories Directors Award 2025 Call Out**

Are you a director with a burning idea for a family theatre project? If so, Tall Stories are encouraging you to apply for the Tall Stories Directors Award!

Three theatre directors will receive up to £4250 towards a budget to cover a week’s development of their children and family storytelling theatre project; including time in the Tall Stories Studio, as well as mentoring from the leadership team at Tall Stories.

**The criteria for the proposals are as follows:**

* **Involve narration and/or storytelling that directly addresses the audience,** e.g.

“Alice followed the White Rabbit down the rabbit-hole, then found herself falling down a very deep well...”

* **Are original pieces**.

Retellings/adaptations of existing stories are suitable; pieces that use a script that has previously been performed would not be suitable.

* **Are for children and families.**

**All applications must meet all the criteria to be considered.**

**We encourage applicants from a wide range of backgrounds and lived experiences.** Please feel free to mention this in your application (though this is not a compulsory requirement).

**We are especially interested to hear from directors who live in Islington (and neighbouring boroughs).**

Please make sure that you have the rights to work with any text or ideas that are not your own.

**If your proposal is successful you will receive:**

* Up to **£4250** as a contribution to any costs for the week.
* One week of free rehearsal space at the Tall Stories Studio in Islington.
* **Week commencing either 4, 11** and **18 August** **2025.**
* Exclusive use 10am-6pm Monday-Friday.
* The space comes with use of:
* A Bluetooth and wired PA system.
* A simple lighting controller with pre-set states, usable by anyone.
* Loading bay access (loading only, no parking).
* Blackout blinds.
* 11 chairs and two large folding tables, plus various small folding tables.
* A shared kitchen to prepare and store food and drink.
* Our private toilets consist of one toilet with a sink and one accessible toilet with a sink and shower.
* The space does not include an onsite technician.
* For more information and to see photos of the space please click [here.](https://tallstories.org.uk/studio-hire-2/)

* The opportunity to have a sharing in the studio with an invited audience at the end of the week. It is not compulsory to have a sharing with an invited audience.
* We would like you to share with one or more Tall Stories team members what you have been working on during the week.
* e.g. an extract or showing of ideas to Tall Stories staff, a presentation of thoughts and ideas, or an informal chat with a Tall Stories team member.
* Ideas do not need to be fully formed. We want you to use the space to best support you and your ideas over the week.

* An (optional) feedback/mentoring session with a Tall Stories team member.
* We can cover the following areas creative ideas, discussion on creative process, producing, marketing, participation.
* We will identify an area with each director, dependent on needs.

We are holding an optional 1 hour Zoom session to give more information about the award and what we are looking for in applicants on **Friday 23 May 6.30pm – 7.30pm.**

Please send an email to [recruitment@tallstories.org.uk](mailto:recruitment@tallstories.org.uk) with the subject line ‘Directors Award Zoom information session’ to register your interest and we will

send a Zoom link closer to the time. In the email please let us know if you have any access requirements you would like us to consider.

**How to apply:**

Please click [here](http://tallstories.org.uk/directors-award) to go to the Tall Stories website, where you will find the application form.

Please download and complete the application form and send it to [recruitment@tallstories.org.uk](mailto:recruitment@tallstories.org.uk)

The questions may be answered in writing or by submitting a video or audio file. All formats will be equally considered.

**The deadline for applications is 9am, Monday 9 June 2025**

We will be in touch with everyone who applies no later than **Tuesday 17 June 2025**. 

If you are shortlisted, you will be invited to an interview.  From these interviews we will decide which three directors will receive the Tall Stories Directors Award.

Interviews are likely to be **week commencing 23 June 2025.**  The main questions for the interview can be made available in advance of the interview on request and dependent on personal preference. This will not form part of the decision making process.

If you have any questions, or if you would like this call out information in another format feel free to contact [recruitment@tallstories.org.uk](mailto:recruitment@tallstories.org.uk) or 020 8348 0080.

**Equal Opportunities:**

Tall Stories is committed to equality of opportunity and access for all. We strive to create an inclusive environment that reflects our community’s values and respects diversity.

We ensure that no person is unfairly discriminated against in our recruitment and selection policies and procedures. We actively welcome applications from those currently underrepresented in our workforce and industry.

Your application and any associated personal information will be stored and processed in accordance with our Privacy Policy and destroyed after six months.

**We look forward to receiving your application – thank you for your interest!**