DIGITAL TOOLS FOR THEATRE WORKSHOPS

WITH TEENAGERS

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This document provides a list of useful digital tools that can be used for both virtual (online) workshop delivery and to complement traditional in-person workshop delivery.

These accessible and engaging digital tools can help create new and creative ways of working together, gathering feedback, developing materials, and sharing creative work.

We encourage Teachers, as well as Creative Professionals & Artists, to utilise these tools not only during the current COVID-19 lockdowns but also in new, innovative ways when more face-to face workshops resume.

The tools listed here provide numerous opportunities and innovations that may engage Teenagers in a variety different of new and exciting ways.

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THEATRE & DRAMA SPECIFIC PLATFORMS

PROSPERO
Online Drama Pedagogy Platform

- For creating and sharing interactive learning resources.
- Using "the latest digital tech to harness the potential of drama and pedagogy to let you create and share inspiring learning resources for any purpose, audience or context."
- An individual package is advertised for Teachers, as well as Creative Professionals & Artists, who are wanting to develop and share creative work with a group. The Pro version is better suited for larger organisation with bigger projects, for example, theatres or schools.
- COST: Individual 5.50 EUR per month, 'Pro' 875 EUR per year.

ONLINE WHITEBOARDS

MIRO
Digital Whiteboard

- "Miro is a fast, free, and simple-to-use digital whiteboard built to help you collaborate with others anytime, anywhere".
- Advertised uses include: meetings and workshops, ideation and brainstorming, agile workflows, research and design, strategy and planning, mapping, diagramming, product management, mind mapping, and concept mapping.
- COST: Free version offers up to 3 editable boards.

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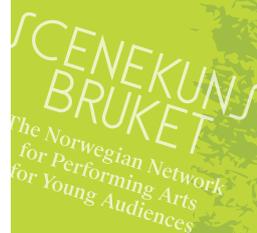
MURAL
Visual Collaboration Tool

- "MURAL is a digital workspace for visual collaboration".
- Advertised uses include: engineering, design, product, innovation, consulting, and sales.
- Tools include: Workshop and meeting templates (including planning, design, issue analysis, and idea generation board templates).
- COST: No free version, pricing starts at 10 EUR.

ZOOM
Integrated Whiteboard Feature

- Zoom has this feature integrated as part of its video call meetings.
- Basic whiteboard for drawing and writing on which can be saved after the Zoom call ends.
- COST: Sometimes free (dependent on attendee numbers and meeting length). Premium packages available.

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PROJECT BOARDS

TRELLO
Collaborative Project Boards

- "Trello is the easy, free, flexible, and visual way to manage your projects and organize anything".
- Advertised uses include: business, design, education, engineering, marketing, and project management.
- COST: Free version, as well as 'Business' (8 EUR per year), 'Enterprise' (14.40 EUR per month) editions.

PADLET
Digital Pinboard

- Padlet productivity software is easy to use, flexible, secure, and accessible in over 25 languages.
- Tools include: various different styles, from shelf / column formats, to timelines, maps, and more.
- Cost: Free for personal use. School packages are available, as is a 'Business Briefcase' package (10 EUR per month).

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SURVEYS

SURVEYMONKEY
Surveys

- A survey platform that is easy to use and understand.
- Cost: The basic plan is free, other packages vary in cost from 28 EUR per month to 110 EUR per month. The free version is limited to 10 questions and 100 respondents per survey with no possibility of exporting data.

POLL EVERYWHERE
Audience Interaction / Polling

- Enables "live activities for teammates, students, and friends, [and] interactive questions that get participants talking".
- Plenty of help guides available on how to use Poll Everywhere to keep attendees engaged in virtual workshops.
- COST: Free version has a maximum audience size of 25. Various premium packages are available, starting at 34.50 EUR per month.
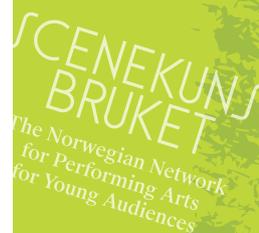
QUIZLET
Interactive Activities

- Quizlet is a study tool that offers interactive games and activities as well as offering a survey function.
- Quizlet offers "seven different study modes, tools to help teachers get the most out of their students, and activities to help classes learn and have fun together."
- COST: Premium Quizlet plans cost between 29 and 39 EUR per year.

SOCRATIVE
Surveys & interactive Quizzes

- Socrative uses formative assessment tools to connect teachers with students in order to gauge student understanding.
- Advertised uses include: quizzes, countdown timers, and marking features.
- COST: Basic Package is free, different premium packages available for schools, higher education, or private organisations (approximately 65 – 110 USD per year).

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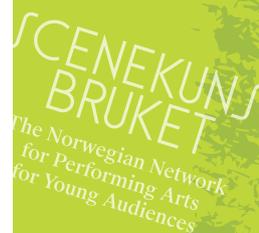
VIDEO CALLING

GOOGLE HANGOUT
Cross-Platform Communication

- Google Hangouts offers different types of communication all on one platform.
- Advertised uses include: messaging, voice, and video Calls. There is also the ability to share screens and files, as well as to use a shared hangout space to collaborate.
- COST: Free option available, whilst premium packages start from 7 EUR/month.

MICROSOFT TEAMS
Video Calling and Meeting Platform

- Part of Microsoft Office 365 Suite.
- Advertised uses include: meetings and calling, screen sharing, file sharing, instant messaging, audio conferencing, and whiteboards.
- COST: Sometimes free (dependent on attendee numbers and meeting length). Premium packages available.

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ZOOM

Video Calling, with lots of extra features.

- "Zoom helps businesses and organizations bring their teams together in a frictionless environment to get more done [it is an] easy, reliable cloud platform for video, voice, content sharing, and chat [which] runs across mobile devices, desktops, telephones, and room systems."
- Advertised uses include: video calling, messaging, whiteboard feature, phone access, screen sharing etc.
- COST: Sometimes free (dependent on attendee numbers and meeting length). Premium packages available.

SKYPE

Video Calling

- "Free online calls, messaging, affordable international calling to mobiles or landlines and instant online meetings."
- Advertised uses include: call recording and live subtitles, calling landlines and mobiles, audio and HD video calling, smart messaging, screen shares, and private conversations.
- COST: Free, different premium packages for Business and Content Creators.

AUDIO EDITING & RECORDING

VOCAROO
Audio Recording & Sharing

- "Vocaroo is a quick and easy way to share voice messages over the interwebs."
- Audio recordings are easy to make and have no time limit. Could be used to create workshop content, launch podcasts, set instructions for students' work, or to provide audio feedback.
- COST: Free.

AUDACITY
Audio Recording & Editing

- "Audacity is an easy-to-use, multi-track audio editor and recorder".
- Powerful features for expert audio editors but also simple enough basic tools for beginners / students.
- Advertised uses include: recording, export / import, plug-ins, effects, editing, analysis.
- Could be used to create audio dramas or podcasts.
- COST: Free.

Listed prices may be approximations.
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