

17th March 2020

Dear Users, Participants and Colleagues of Proteus,

We have sadly decided today, Monday 16th March, to shut the building and venue till further notice due to the ongoing Coronavirus (COVID-19) epidemic. This is to avoid contributing to the spread of Coronavirus, particularly as so many vulnerable communities use our building. This includes activities that take place offsite, including all Proteus youth theatres. We are suspending Youth Theatre and intend to continue the term as soon as possible, we will also be re-scheduling the production of The Hobbit and will send further details as we have them.

The health and wellbeing of our participants, audiences and staff will always be our priority and consequently we have made the difficult decision to close. We apologise for any disappointment caused.

We do not believe that it is practical or responsible for us to stage events or run programmes in the current climate. We will be contacting those affected as user groups or those who have already purchased tickets for events directly.

The impact of COVID-19 is a threat to Proteus and to the livelihoods of all those who work in the arts. This will be a challenging time for our organisation, our staff and freelancers. We are determined to survive, to retain our dedicated team, and to get our programme back on track as soon as possible.

Proteus is a registered charity, and any donation - large or small - will ensure that our organisation stays fit for purpose, long after this crisis has passed.

We will keep you updated via our website and other digital platforms and please don't hesitate to call us for specific further information.

Yours Sincerely,

Mary Swan



Artistic Director and CEO