



ISTA Terms and conditions of membership 2019–2020

Please read this document carefully before submitting your application form.

Mission statement

'ISTA believes that the future of our world depends on confident, internationally minded, collaborative and culturally literate young people who are empowered to engage with and change the world responsibly. We believe that this is achieved through the ISTA experience.

Educators play a key role in the fulfillment of our mission. We therefore offer educators worldwide the opportunity to come together to develop themselves, their pedagogy and their skills, equipping and empowering them to bring about this change through theatre.

ISTA brings together young people, artists and teachers from different countries in different settings to experience, create and learn about theatre. We passionately value diversity and collaboration, celebration and play, friendship.'

ISTA welcomes schools, organisations and individuals who have an interest in international arts education and who are committed to being responsible and active members of our community.

Membership costs

School/organisation	GBP £ 485
Individual	GBP £ 120

Membership and the hosting commitment

ISTA's success is in part due to each member school honouring their commitment to host. Therefore, a large part of each member school's responsibility is the requirement to host a festival **every four years** (for school/organisation members only).

Prior to confirming your membership application form this should be a commitment that is discussed and agreed to by the senior leadership team (and/or staff responsible for confirming hosting international events at your school).

Please note that we do not require member schools to host TaPS events

except, occasionally, in the Asia Pacific region.

Once membership is approved our membership and programming coordinator will be in touch to begin this process with you. Your school will be expected to host by the fourth year after joining.

All member schools will be required to fulfill their commitment to hosting regardless of the number or type of events they attend in any given year.

In addition to the above we expect all members to:

- commit to being an engaged and active member of our community;
- use ISTA's Artist in Residence programme if bringing an ISTA artist into their school;
- ensure the teacher in charge of any ISTA trip is fully informed with regard to channels of communication and processes;
- abide by our Event terms and conditions when attending any events;
- complies with ISTA's Managing Risk policies and procedures;
- be responsible for regularly checking and updating information on their member profile;
- contact ISTA with any changes of contact information as and when appropriate;
- honour the procedures for renewing membership on an annual basis;
- respond to emails and invoices in a timely manner.

ISTA is unlike many organisations in the 21st century. We are a community not a corporation. We pride ourselves on getting to know everyone, offering a personal service and avoiding bureaucracy. Our daily practice is based on our values of honesty, trust and respect; with a dash of humour thrown in for good measure. We believe that the language of communication between our staff and members (and vice versa) should be based on politeness, respect and openness; and should at all times remain positive. We place an emphasis on positive reinforcement of best practice and any complaints will be addressed swiftly, seriously and fairly.

Membership is automatically renewed as of 1st June each year. If, at any time, you wish to terminate membership you must inform us by 18th May for the following year.

Contacting ISTA – for details of who to contact, please refer to the **contact ISTA** page on the website.

Please note that ISTA's policy is that emails will be responded to within 3 working days (Monday–Friday).

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