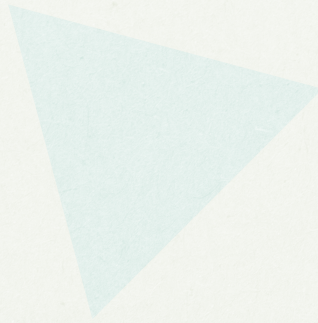
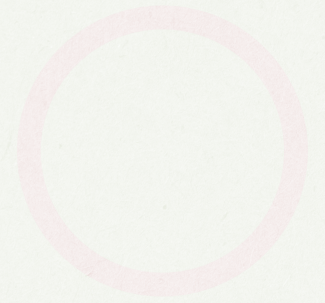
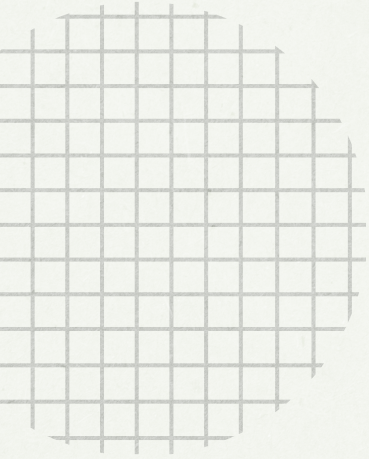


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About Us

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Hey babe!

Welcome to our world... we're an organisation that looks at life through our queer kaleidoscope.

Who we are

Downtown Pompey is a queer-led theatre and arts organisation based in Portsmouth.

We focus on bringing everyone into the queer experience through storytelling, campaigning, community, and heritage.

We provide the city with a wide-ranging arts engagement programme, working with people aged 6 to 60.

Our current aim is to integrate all communities in what we do — mainly explored through heritage and performance.



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Our current projects include

Collective Queer Joy

An ongoing campaign that brings **everyone into queer joy**, taking up space and centring unheard stories.

We explore this through theatre productions, exhibitions, creative workshops, and community gatherings.

Queer Utopia's

A project with schools and youth groups, asking: "**If you were to create a utopia, what would it look like?**" Together, we imagine and create new worlds through performance and creative activity.

Storming the Teacup: Diversifying Pompey's Heritage

An interactive, **accessible heritage project** uncovering hidden histories of Portsmouth through performance, exhibition, film, and creative engagement.



Our impact (2025 so far):

- ✦ Provided paid work for over **100+ artists, makers and practitioners in Portsmouth.**
- ✦ Actively engaged with more than **1,300+ participants** through workshops, training, and rehearsals.
- ✦ Reached **audiences of 1000's!!!** with up to 800 for our c2025 flagship show *Knees Up!* (March & June 2025).



What people are saying (Knees Up! – June 2025):

“I cried watching the show. I’d booked tickets before but was always too nervous to come — the last Knees Up! was the first I attended. I NEVER thought I could experience anything like that in Portsmouth.

The queer joy, inclusivity, and safety I felt in that room were unmatched. For the first time, I didn’t feel trapped in Portsmouth.

... Honestly, without being cringey, this show pulled me out of such a dark hole. Please let the cast know how truly special that was and how I’ll cherish it for life.”



Executive Report (Destination 2030)

As part of our 5th birthday we've commissioned an executive report which include:

Downtown Pompey is well placed to secure **national, regional and local investment** to cement its place in **Portsmouth and Hampshire** as a leading queer performing arts organisation **in the next five years.**"

What's next?

We've hit our five-year milestone (though we don't look a day over three!) and now we're ready to take the organisation to the next level:

✦ Expanding our reach

Building on our existing projects, we aim to extend across the Solent and Hampshire region. Partnering with theatres and community groups, we'll consult, produce, and develop a Downtown Pompey legacy rooted in purpose and integrity.

✦ Producing great theatre

Theatre-making is at our core. We'll continue to create new, experimental and devised work that amplifies unheard voices, using popular culture and performance to tell hyper-local stories with national and international resonance.

✦ Research & development

Our work grows from the needs of our communities. With expertise spanning therapeutic practice to community integration, we're exploring how artists and practitioners can develop new methodologies of care, community, and legacy.

We look forward to working with you!