



An interactive video installation for young people

An arcade machine plays video messages from 2066 on to your palms. Join this playful, empowering mission to save the future.

Place your hands into the arcade machine. A video message from 2066 plays on to your palms: "Sorry. We ruined the world."

Can you save the future? Uncover secret messages on an interactive mission that leads to the Multiverse Arcade – a headquarters of ideas within The Cowgate Centre. Explore a space full of young people's thoughts on how to change the world.

"What will you do when you're in charge?" you are asked. Add your voice – the future is in your hands.

This playful, empowering and thought-provoking event is created by Unfolding Theatre, New Writing North's Young Writers' City at Excelsior Academy and Queen's Hall Youth Theatre.

Venue

The Cowgate Centre
Houghton Avenue
Newcastle upon Tyne
NE5 3UT

Opening times

By appointment for school, youth and community groups

Dates

23–29 October 2019

Price

Free

Target age group

10-21

Curriculum connections

Multiverse Arcade inspires young people's thinking about **citizenship**. It invites them to explore and talk about the social and environmental issues that they care about. It aims to inspire and build young people's confidence about the future roles they might take to influence change, through voting, volunteering and social action.

Multiverse Arcade connects to **art, design** and **technology** through inventive use of motion triggered video, sound and visual design.

How to get involved

We are looking for school and youth groups for us to visit before *Multiverse Arcade* opens to the public. During a 2-hour creative workshop for young people, at your school or centre, we will create audio recordings that will be featured in the piece. If you would like to take part, contact Morag Iles (contact details below).

About Unfolding Theatre

Unfolding Theatre makes big-hearted theatre that delights in bringing people together. Past productions include *Putting the Band Back Together* made with Ross Millard (The Futureheads), *Best in the World* and *Building Palaces*.

"Thrillingly talented people"
Guardian

**Engaging Young People Award 2014,
National Co-ordinating Centre
for Public Engagement**

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Background and themes

Multiverse Arcade is inspired by a question asked to Eton pupils: "What are you going to do when you're in charge?" We believe all young people should be asked this question.

It is a different question to, "What do you want to be when you grow up?" It is not about fitting in to what already exists. It is a question that asks how young people want to change the world they live in. It is a question about imagination. At the same time, it is a question grounded in reality. Children and young people really will be in charge. By 2066 they will be our elders, leading businesses, families and communities.

Multiverse Arcade asks, "Well, what are you going to do?"

How to book

Multiverse Arcade is open from 23–29 October at Cowgate Community Centre. To arrange a group visit, please email info@unfoldingtheatre.co.uk to book a time slot. We recommend a maximum group of 30 young people at a time.

For school group bookings, we also offer a Q&A session with members of the creative team.

Duration

You can spend as much or as little time exploring *Multiverse Arcade* as you wish. We recommend 45-60mins for a group visit.

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