Career Paths

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Path 1 - Teaching

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(Book)

Lucy-Jo

- Share your passion for performance with others.
- Develop valuable teaching and leadership skills.
- Enjoy a stable career path in the arts.
- Inspire and nurture young talent.
- Stay connected to the theatre world.
- Enhance communication and presentation abilities.
- Experience the fulfillment of helping students grow in confidence and creativity.
- Open doors to directing, coaching, and professional performance opportunities.

Holly

- Stay creative in a stable environment.
- Keep growing through professional development.
- Explore diverse career paths in drama education.
- Inspire and nurture future artists.
- Enjoy a better work-life balance.
- Stable income, and more structure to life.
- Ability to develop pratical and intellectual skills



Teaching - The journey

1. Educational Qualifications

2. Initial Teacher Education (ITE)

3. Professional Development

1. Educational Qualifications

- **GCSEs: Achieve at least grade 4 (C) in English and mathematics.**
- **A-Levels: Choose subjects like drama, theatre studies, or English to build a solid foundation.**
- **Undergraduate Degree: Get a Bachelor's degree in Drama or Theatre. For example, the Wales Academy of Voice and Dramatic Arts offers programs that prepare students for teaching and other drama-related careers.**



2. Initial Teacher Education (ITE)

- **PGCE: Enroll in a Postgraduate Certificate in Education (PGCE) with a drama focus to gain Qualified Teacher Status (QTS). Many universities in Wales offer this.**

- **Employment-Based Routes: Some routes allow you to work in schools while training, earning a salary as you gain experience.**

3. Professional Development



- **Induction Period: After obtaining QTS, complete an induction period to get fully settled into teaching.**
- **Continuous Learning: Keep developing your teaching skills through professional development programs.**
- **For more details on becoming a teacher in Wales, visit the Educators Wales website.**
- **Following this path will help you become a qualified drama teacher in Wales, combining your passion for drama with a rewarding career in education.**



How to apply for a PGCE

To get a PGCE (Postgraduate Certificate in Education) in Wales, you can follow these steps:

1. Meet Entry Requirements

2. Choose a PGCE Program

3. Apply Through UCAS

4. Prepare for the Interview



1. Meet Entry Requirements

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GCSEs: You'll need at least a grade C (4) in English and mathematics at GCSE level (or equivalent).

Undergraduate Degree: You must have a relevant undergraduate degree, typically a 2:2 or above, in a subject related to your teaching focus (e.g., Drama, Theatre Studies, English, etc.).

Entry Requirements

Undergraduate Degree

Applicants are required to hold a good honours degree (2:2 minimum).

GCSE Qualifications

- Grade C (grade 4 in England) or above in GCSE English Language or Welsh Language or a standard equivalent.
- Grade C (grade 4 in GCSE Mathematics a standard equivalen

A-Levels/Level 3

Vocational Qualifications

If applicants do not hold an undergraduate degree in a curriculum subject, successful study at appropriate higher levels must be evidenced.

Work Experience

You should be aware of the realities of being a teacher and life in a classroom and so we ask nt and relevant experience in a primary onal setting. This may be through nent or volunteering in a school and be for a minimum period of two weeks.

experience in a school classroom will strengthen your application and better inform your personal statement. It will pare you for our selection process you some experience from which you w in your interview.

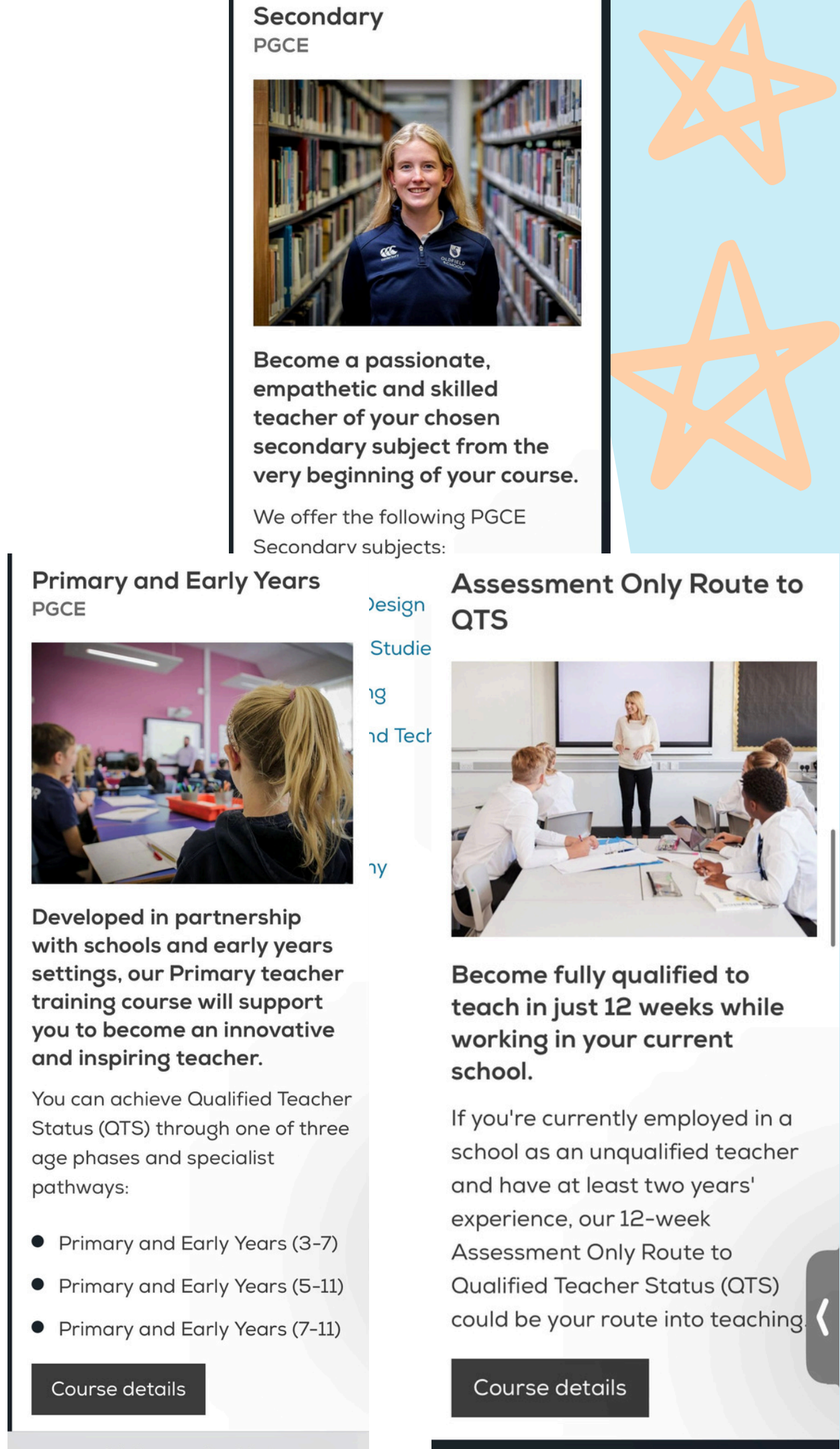
2. Choose a PGCE Program

- **Find a University: Choose a university in Wales that offers a PGCE program in your desired subject. For drama, many universities offer PGCE Secondary Education programs with a specialization in Drama.**

- **Universities Offering PGCE in Wales: Institutions like the University of Wales Trinity Saint David and the University of South Wales offer PGCEs in various subjects.**

- **Specialization: Ensure the program you select specializes in the subject area you want to teach (e.g., Drama, English, Mathematics, etc.).**

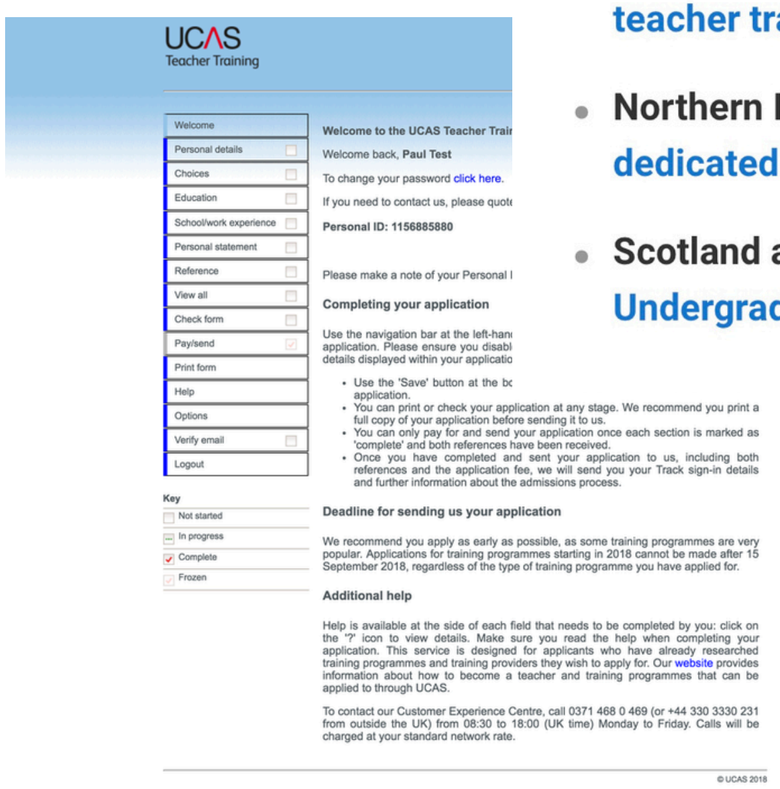
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3. Apply Through UCAS

- **Apply for the PGCE program through the UCAS Teacher Training website (https://www.ucas.com).**

- **Provide necessary documents like your degree certificate, personal statement, and reference letters.**



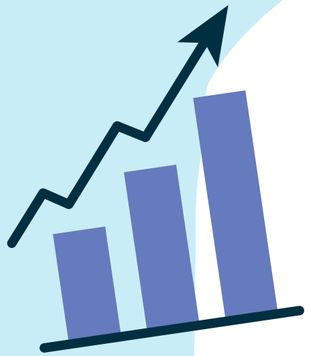
How to apply

Where you want to study will determine how you should apply.

If you're looking to apply for a teacher training programme in:

- **England** – apply using the DfE's 'Apply for teacher training' service
- **Northern Ireland** – take a look at our dedicated advice
- **Scotland and Wales** – complete a **UCAS Undergraduate application**

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4. Prepare for the Interview

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If your application is successful, you'll be invited for an interview. Prepare to demonstrate your passion for teaching, your subject knowledge, and your ability to work with students.

- **Passion** about teaching
- **Confidence** with and **respect** towards childre
- **Professionalism** in both your mindset and the way you conduct yourself
- **Personality**, reflected in how you present yourself
- **Energy**, since enthusiasm is infectious
- **Resilience** that shows you're up to the task.
- Appreciation of the **commitment** required teaching.

Even the most prepared interviewees can be nervous about some things. If you can demonstrate you can overcome these in order, you should be fine.

The interview

Many training providers receive a large number of applications, so can't interview everyone who meets the essential requirements. In this case, they'll select applicants for interview using the academic and non-academic criteria.

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Funding for PGCEs



- **Tuition Fees: PGCE tuition fees vary by university but are generally around £9,000–£12,000. There may be additional costs for materials, travel, etc.**
- **Financial Support: There are various funding options available for PGCE students in Wales, including student loans, bursaries, and teaching grants.**
- **Teacher Training Scholarships: Some subjects offer financial incentives or bursaries. Check with your chosen university or the Welsh Government for details.**



Complete the PGCE

- **The PGCE usually lasts one year (full-time) and combines university-based learning with practical teaching experience in schools.**

- **You'll gain Qualified Teacher Status (QTS) upon successful completion of the PGCE, which is required to teach in maintained schools in Wales.**





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Pros and Cons of becoming a teacher

pros

- Creative and Rewarding Work
- Job Stability
- Opportunities for Professional Development:
- Engage with Diverse Students:
- Work-Life Balance
- Contribution to Arts Education

cons

- Stress and Workload:
- Challenges with Resources:
- Difficult Students and Behavioral Issues:
- Pressure to Achieve Results:
- Financial Challenges:

Salary

As of the 2024/25 academic year, teachers in Wales are set to receive a 5.5% pay increase, aligning with the recent award in England.
The Teachers' Union

Specific salary figures for drama teachers can vary based on factors such as experience, qualifications, and the type of institution. However, available data provides a general overview:

- Average Salary: The average salary for a drama teacher in Wales is approximately £40,691 per year.
  Check A Salary
- Entry-Level Positions: Starting salaries for newly-qualified drama teachers typically begin at £21,588 per annum.
  All About Careers
- Experienced Teachers: With experience, salaries can rise to around £31,552 per year.
  All About Careers

Industry Talks

During our module, we have been lucky enough to have many industry talks including one from Stifyn Parri. Stifyn Parri is a Welsh actor known for his roles in Welsh TV and theatre. He's best known for playing Hugo in the long-running soap Pobol y Cwm. Stifyn has also appeared in other TV shows and films, and he's worked as a presenter. He's passionate about promoting Welsh language and culture through his work. Through seeing the way Parri was so passionate about what he does has inspired us to do the same and inspire a younger generation to want to go into a simular career path such as performing. Industry talks are important for future drama teachers in Wales because they help them learn about new trends and skills in the performing arts. These talks keep teachers updated, improve their teaching, and help them guide students better. They also provide a chance to meet others in the industry and build connections.





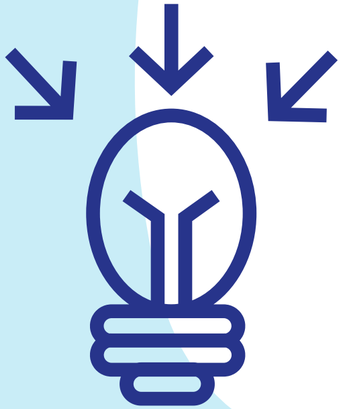
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Conclusion

Becoming a drama teacher in Wales is a rewarding career that lets you share your passion for theatre while making a positive impact on students' confidence and creativity. With job security, opportunities for professional growth, and the chance to work in a dynamic and creative environment, it’s a fulfilling way to inspire the next generation of performers and thinkers. Plus, it offers the opportunity to collaborate with other creative professionals and continuously develop your skills.





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Path 2 - Holiday entertainer



Lucy-Jo

- Immediate Work: Find quick employment after graduation and gain practical experience.
- Audience Engagement: Perform for diverse guests, building strong communication and interaction skills.
- Seasonal Flexibility: Enjoy flexible work with breaks between contracts to pursue other projects.
- Work-Life Balance: Take advantage of seasonal schedules for downtime and personal growth.

Holly

- Live Performance: Put my musical theatre skills into practice and boost stage presence and confidence.
- Dynamic Environment: Work in exciting settings like holiday parks, resorts, or cruise ships with new challenges each day.
- Creative Freedom: Adapt performances, engage guests, and add my personal touch to shows.
- Skill Development: Improve in singing, dancing, comedy, and improvisation—key skills for musical theatre.
- Travel: Explore new locations, both within the UK and internationally, while doing what I love.



Holiday Entertainer – The journey

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How to become a holiday enterainer abroad

Becoming a holiday entertainer abroad is an exciting way to apply your performance skills while traveling the world.

1. Understand the Role
2. Gain Relevant Skills and Experience
3. Research Potential Employers
4. Find Job Openings
5. Apply for Jobs
6. Prepare for Auditions



Understand the Role

Holiday entertainers are responsible for engaging guests in various entertainment activities, such as live performances (singing, dancing, comedy), running games, hosting events, and leading interactive activities. It's crucial to have a strong stage presence, good communication skills, and the ability to entertain large groups of people.



Gain relevent skills and experience







- **Performing Arts Training: While not always required, having a background in musical theatre, dance, or other performing arts can significantly help. You can use your training in singing, dancing, and acting to perform in shows, run entertainment activities, or host events**

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- **Work Experience: Experience in the entertainment industry, even in a non-professional capacity (such as community theatre or hosting events), can be beneficial.**

- **Additional Skills: You might also benefit from learning new skills such as: Languages: Being multilingual can help if you're working in countries where the primary language is different from your own.**

- **Teamwork and Leadership: Holiday entertainment often involves working as part of a team, so being able to collaborate well with others is key.**

Research Potential Employers

There are several types of companies that hire holiday entertainers abroad, including:

- Resorts and Hotels: Popular tourist destinations, such as Mediterranean resorts or Caribbean hotels, often hire entertainers to engage guests.

- Cruise Lines: Cruise ships are known for their entertainment offerings, and many ships hire entertainers for their on-board shows and activities.

- Tour Operators: Companies like TUI, Club Med, and Jet 2 often hire holiday entertainers for their resorts.



Jet2®

Club Med

TUI

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Find Job Openings

- **Job Boards: Websites like Indeed, StagePool, and TotalJobs often list holiday entertainer jobs abroad. You can also look on specific company websites (such as those of cruise lines or holiday resorts).**
- **Agency Recruitment: Some agencies specialize in placing entertainers in resorts or cruise ships. Agencies like Worldwide Entertainment and Entertainer Jobs can help you find positions abroad.**
- **Social Media & Networking: Follow entertainment agencies or resort brands on LinkedIn, Facebook, or Instagram for job postings and updates. Networking with other performers can also help you find opportunities.**



How do I become a holiday rep?

If you want to apply for Holiday Rep roles abroad, Summer Takeover provide working holiday packages to:

Ibiza, Magaluf, Ayia Napa, Zante, Kavos, Malia, Tenerife, Benidorm, Marbella, Sunny Beach

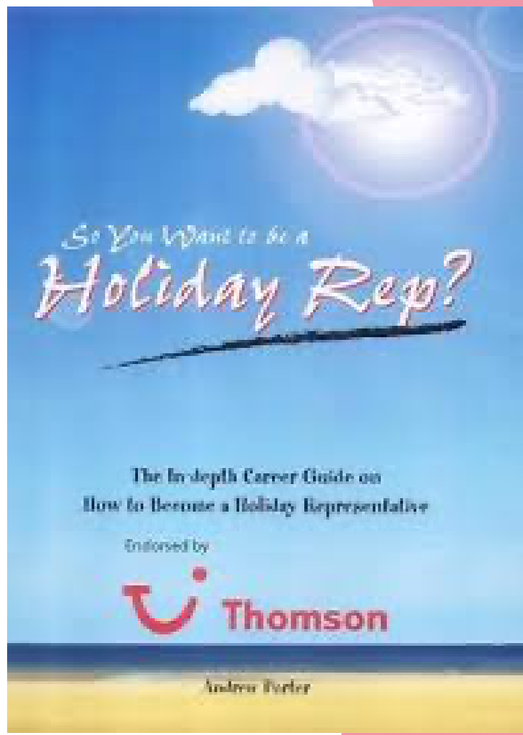


Apply for Jobs

Tailor Your CV/Showreel: Create a CV that highlights your relevant experience and skills (e.g., performance experience, languages spoken). If you have a showreel, upload it to platforms like YouTube or Vimeo so employers can easily view your talent.







https://www.glassdoor.co.uk/Interview/TUI-Group-Entertainer-Interview-Questions-EI_IE950367.0,9_KO10,21.htm

Prepare for Auditions

Audition Process: Many holiday entertainer jobs require you to audition, either through video or in person. The audition may involve performing songs, dances, and comedy routines or showing your hosting skills.

Audition Tech:

- We looked at different types/ processes of auditions
- How to present yourself/dress fo auditions
- Audition etiquette/ Professionalism
- Mock auditions
- How to make a good video audition

Creative Industries Dance:

- Looked at how to dress profesionally for an audition
- Learning. contrasting choreography to prep us for auditions
- Quizzed on the current theatre world - Trends
- Profesionalism

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Get the Right Documentation

- **Work Visa: Depending on the country, you may need a work visa or permit. Many holiday entertainment jobs abroad, especially within the EU or certain regions, provide assistance with obtaining the necessary work permits.**

- **Travel Insurance: It's important to have travel and health insurance, especially when working abroad. Some employers offer it as part of the contract, but it's always good to check.**

- **Medical Check: Some employers may require a medical check or specific vaccinations, depending on the destination.**

Travel Insurance Guide (UK)

GOV.UK: Understanding your employment contract

European Health Insurance Card (EHIC): For EU citizens.

- **GOV.UK (for UK citizens) - Work visas and permits**
EU Immigration Portal





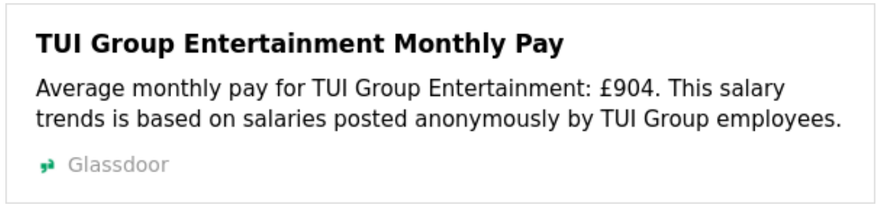
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Negotiate Your Contract

- **Salary: Ensure you understand the salary, including accommodation and meals provided (if applicable), and any additional perks like travel expenses or performance bonuses.**

- **Duration: Many holiday entertainer roles are seasonal (6 months to 1 year). Make sure the contract length aligns with your goals.**

- **Job Description: Clarify your duties, hours of work, and expectations. Some jobs may require you to perform multiple shows a day, host events, and interact with guests during the day.**



Pros and Cons of becoming a holiday rep

pros

- Travel: Live and work in exciting holiday destinations.
- Social: Meet people from all over the world.
- Fun: Enjoy a lively and dynamic work environment.
- Skill Development: Gain valuable skills in customer service and event planning.
- Teamwork: Build strong relationships with your team.
- Flexible: Work during peak seasons and have time off afterward.

cons

- Long Hours: The job can require long and unpredictable hours.
- Pressure: You'll need to ensure holidaymakers have a great experience.
- Low Pay: The pay can be low, even with accommodation and meals provided.
- Isolation: You may be away from home for long periods.
- Limited Career Growth: Career advancement may be limited in this role.
- Physical Demands: The job can be physically tiring at times.

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Salary

Entry-Level Positions:

For new or less experienced entertainers, salaries typically range from €1,000 to €1,500 per month (or £1,000 to £1,400 per month), especially in popular holiday destinations like Spain, Greece, and Turkey. These roles often include accommodation and meals, which can significantly reduce living expenses.

Experienced Entertainers

- **With a bit of experience or more specialized skills, such as musical theatre, dance, or comedy, the salary range can increase to €1,500 to €2,500 per month (or £1,400 to £2,200 per month). This applies to larger resorts, luxury hotels, or cruise ships that offer more extensive entertainment programs.**

High-End Resorts or Cruise Lines:

- **For top-tier resorts or cruise ships, entertainers can earn anywhere between €2,500 to €3,000 per month (or £2,200 to £2,600 per month), especially if they take on additional responsibilities like organizing shows, directing performances, or leading larger entertainment teams.**

Seasonal Work:

- **Holiday entertainer positions are often seasonal, which means the salary could vary based on peak seasons. During busy times (e.g., summer or holidays), the salary could be higher, with some resorts or cruise lines offering performance bonuses or tips.**



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Considerations with salary

- **Cost of Living: While your salary might seem lower than in some other entertainment roles, the fact that your accommodation and meals are often included can make the position financially viable. In places with a lower cost of living, this can still allow for savings.**

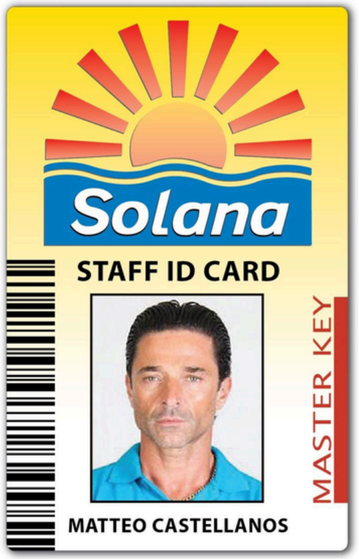
- **Duration of Contract: The seasonal nature of the role means you might need to find new employment once the contract ends, unless you're able to secure another position or extend your contract.**





Conclusion

Becoming a holiday entertainer abroad is a great way to utilise your musical theatre degree, gain valuable performance experience, and explore the world. With the right preparation and by applying through the right channels, you can secure a role that lets you do what you love while enjoying an exciting lifestyle.







Is becoming a holiday entertainer a good idea for me?

Becoming a holiday rep could be a great option if you enjoy working with people and helping create memorable experiences for others. You should consider if you have strong communication skills and the ability to stay calm and organized in a fast-paced environment. Holiday reps often have the opportunity to travel and work in beautiful locations, but the role also comes with responsibilities, such as managing guest expectations, organizing activities, and dealing with any issues that arise. While the job can be fun and rewarding, it can also be demanding, with long hours and the need to handle unexpected challenges. If you're excited about helping others have a great holiday and are comfortable with the challenges, being a holiday rep could be a fulfilling job. Talking to people in the role or getting firsthand experience could help you decide if it's the right fit for you.

Evaluation

Both career paths—becoming a holiday entertainer abroad and a drama teacher in Wales—offer unique benefits and challenges. As a holiday entertainer, you get to travel, perform, and gain valuable experience, which can be exciting and rewarding. However, it often lacks long-term stability, with contracts being temporary or seasonal, and the work can be physically demanding. It may also feel isolating, especially if you're far from home. On the other hand, becoming a drama teacher in Wales offers job security, stability, and the opportunity to make a positive impact on students' creativity and confidence. It allows for professional growth and collaboration in a dynamic environment but can be emotionally demanding and may lack the excitement and glamour of performing abroad. The right choice depends on whether you prioritize the excitement of performing and travel or the stability and long-term impact of teaching.

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Thanks for listening!

Any questions ???

